

Hebrews: This letter was written primarily to Jewish believers who, because of persecution, were tempted to revert back to Judaism. Because Christ is superior to all the components of Judaism, the Hebrews were compelled to embrace Christ (bearing His reproach) and live the abundant life of faith that God offers.

Christ, our Great High Priest, is Superior to all the Components of OT Jewish faith.

Introduction	1:1-3	Jesus superior to the prophets	Christ superior to Prophets	Christ superior to Angels
	1:4-14	Jesus superior to the angels	<p>Warning: If one was punished for transgressing the law spoken by angels, how can one escape punishment for neglecting such a great salvation spoken in Christ?</p>	
	2:1-4			
Continuation	2:5-18	Jesus, though superior to angels was made human in order to redeem mankind as our great high priest.	Christ superior to Moses	
	3:1-6	Jesus superior to Moses		
Continuation	3:7-4:10	Warning: do not harden hearts and come short of entering the "rest" that the generation under Moses missed because of unbelief	<p>Christ's priesthood is superior in his qualifications</p> <p>Christ is superior in the manner of His priesthood</p> <p>The superior priest establishes a new and better covenant</p> <p>Christ is superior as a Great High Priest</p>	
	4:11-13	Be diligent to enter the promised "Sabbath rest"		
	4:14-16	Hold fast our confession, Draw near with confidence to Christ for he is our Great High Priest		
	5:1-10	Christ is superior in his qualifications: he is perfect		
	5:11-6:8	Warning: you have become dull of hearing and are in danger of suffering loss		
	6:9-20	Since God's promise still stands, be diligent to realize the full assurance of faith		
	7:1-3	Christ's priesthood in the manner of Melchizedek		
	7:4-10	Melchizedek honored by Abraham and therefore honored by Levi		
	7:11-28	Christ's priesthood is permanent because He is perfect, therefore no longer a need for continual sacrifice		The better covenant is permanent
	8:1-13	Because Christ serves permanently as our great High Priest in heaven an new and better covenant is established		
	9:1-10	Imperfect priests entered an earthly, imperfect temple and offered imperfect sacrifices which could not make the worshiper perfect		The better covenant was ratified in a better tabernacle
	9:11-14	Christ entered the perfect heavenly temple and offered his own perfect blood as a perfect sacrifice		
	9:15-22	The shedding of blood was necessary to ratify the first covenant and sanctify the tabernacle		The better covenant was established with a better sacrifice
	9:23-28	The second, better covenant was ratified by the shedding of Christ own blood through a better sacrifice in a better, heavenly tabernacle		
	10:1-18	Earthly sacrifices of animals made by imperfect priests cannot take away sin but one perfect sacrifice made by Christ takes away sins for all time, making perfect those who are sanctified		<p>Warning: If you shrink back to the former ways you will be judged but if you endure in your faith in Christ, you will receive what was promised</p>
	10:19-25	Let us draw near to Christ who is our full assurance of faith without wavering and continually encourage others to do the same		
	10:26-31	Those who go back to the old covenant are despising Christ's sacrifice and will be judged		
	10:32-39	Remember the former days of faith and endure with confidence so as to receive what was promised		
Climax	11:1-40	Examples of OT saints living out their faith and enduring in light of what was promised	<p>Identify yourself with Christ and the new covenant as legitimate children of God</p> <p>The result of identifying with Christ apart from the law is obedience</p>	
	12:1-13	Let us embrace with endurance the life of faith before us realizing that God, the loving Father, is disciplining us as legitimate children.		
	12:14-17	Collectively protect yourselves from falling short of full obedience by actively pursuing sanctification and peace		
	12:18-24	For you have not come to a <u>faith based on fear</u> through the law but to a <u>new covenant of grace</u> , which is established in heaven		
	12:25-29	Warning: Do not refuse the new covenant of Christ because a greater judgment is coming than that of those who were judged by the law of Moses		
	13:1-6	Love one another through hospitality and purity, trusting in God for all your needs		
	13:7-17	Trust the leading and teaching of those in authority over you for they lead you into a full identification with Christ resulting in good works that please God		
Result	13:18-25	Encouragement to embrace all that has been written in this letter and to pray for the continued ministry of the author.		
	Embrace the Superiority of Christ and the new covenant through faith resulting in obedience			

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