

Themes in Hebrews

Themes

I. The Supremacy of Christ

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- A. Old Testament Prophets, He has/is a better revelation (1:1-3a)
- B. Angels, He is a better messenger (1:3b-2:18)
- C. Moses, He is a better head (3:1-6)
- D. Joshua and Rest in the Promise Land, He gives a better rest (4:1-10)
- E. Old Covenant Priesthood, He is a better priest (5:1-10) (7:1-10) (7:11-28) (8:1-10:18)

II. Perseverance in Christ

- A. Warning Against Apostasy, neglecting salvation (2:1-4)
- B. Warning Against Apostasy, hardening hearts in unbelief (3:7-19)
- C. Warning Against Apostasy, disobeying (4:11-16)
- D. Warning against apostasy, falling away (5:11-6:20)
- E. Warning against apostasy, drawing near, holding fast, not forsaking, not casting away, needing endurance (10:19-39)
- F. Encouragement from Old Testament heroes of faith, looking to future reward (11:1-40)
- G. Encouragement from the example of Christ, "... for the joy set before Him endured ..." (12:1-11)
- H. Warning against apostasy with the example of Esau, settling for temporal relief and pleasure (12:12-29)
- I. Practical Exhortations, persevering faith life (13:1-19)

III. Other Themes

- A. Rest 3:11-4:11
- B. Jesus the perfect priest 2:17-18, 4:14-5:11, 6:20, 7:11-12, 7:20-8:6, 9:11-10:14
- C. New covenant supercedes the old 7:18-19, 8:6-10:22, 12:24
- D. God is faithful 6:10-18
- E. The humanity and divinity of Jesus 1:2-14, 2:5-18, 3:3-6, 4:14-15, 5:7
- F. Believers as strangers and aliens in this world, and future orientation, wait for fulfillment of the divine promise 10:34, 10:37, 11-12:2, 12:27-28