

A LOOK BACK AT HEBREWS
Hebrews (1-8)

I. The Superiority of Christ (Chp 1-10)...over all things

1. The *issue* in Hebrews was The writer's concern of the constant _____ & _____ on the Hebrew believers coming from the Jewish community pressuring them to _____ to _____ as a way of life, instead of going on to _____ with the _____ they had embraced by _____!
2. The *heart* of Hebrews is not a message of eternal salvation for sinners, but a significant _____ of the _____ with serious _____ for believers to heed in order for them to enjoy the salvation they embraced by faith so as to go on to spiritual maturity. They were to " _____ the weight or sin which so easily ensnares them, and to look to _____ as the _____ & _____ of their faith" (Heb.12:1-2)

Chapter 1 –

Christ is better than the _____ (1:1-3)

Christ is better than the _____ (1:4-14)

Christ is Eternal _____ and will _____ any aspect of His creation!

Chapter 2 & ff - The WARNINGS and EXHORTATIONS Believers Need to Heed.

Warning # 1 - Do not _____ mentally from the _____ & His so great salvation, through _____ of Him!

How can you _____, unless your in the _____ about spiritual things?

We need to thoroughly know about our so great _____!

How can we neglect it?

The *serious consequences* of this exhortation are not specifically mentioned here, but what is stated is that we will not _____ the consequences, if we spiritually drift from God's principles & word! (2:2-3)

Chapter 3-

Warning # 2 - Do not _____ through _____ in _____ from our focus and fellowship with the Lord God in the _____ you are facing!

The writer reminds these Hebrew believers of a past generation who should have " _____ " heard & heeded God's word!

What was Israel's problem?

Remember about sin

Chapter 4 – the faith-rest chapter

Do you understand the *difference* between the two kinds of **rest** that God offers you? (Mt. 11:28-30)

1. There is the rest of _____ through one's decision to place your _____ in _____ alone apart from any works or traditions. This decision changed your _____ and _____ with God forever. This results in possessing _____!
2. Then there is the rest of the _____ through repeated decisions to _____ the Lord and _____ to Him moment by moment with the daily issues and challenges in life. This transforms you _____ and affects your _____ with God in time. This results in enjoying the _____ as you walk with the Lord!

Warning # 3 - Do not fail to _____ the _____ God has provided and promised by His _____ through _____ for you. (4)

The *meaning* of “rest” here involves a _____ of work or labor; _____ from worry or anxiety ; a sense of _____, _____, _____ involving _____ upon God for everything!

This is the daily faith-rest life in which the believer walks by _____ in _____ upon God and enjoy inner peace, joy, stability, etc. as the _____ fights His battles and carries His burdens.

- Remember: “Active repeated _____ on the Lord produces passive _____ of God's peace & His will in your Christian life”!

Chapter 5 & 6– (5:11-6:20)

Warning # 4 - Do not become _____ in your Christian walk, and avoid experiencing spiritual _____ in your Christian growth!

In chapter 6, the writer encourages the Hebrews to go on to _____ (6:1) (spiritual _____ in their Christian lives), as they were in danger of _____ (6:6) (retrogressing spiritually) ... failing any kind of spiritual progress & growth in Christ!

They had become something they were not before... “ _____ ”

The writer encourages & expects a _____ response from the Hebrews & us today (6:9-12)

Chapter 7- tells us about mysterious Melchizedek & why he is mentioned in Hebrews!

The writer uses the _____ of Melchizedek to demonstrate the greatness of our Great High Priest – _____! (7:1-10)

Also, the _____ of the Levitical system called for a _____ of priest! (7:11-19)

The _____ of Christ's Priesthood (7:19-25)

Chapter 8 – demonstrates the Greatness of Christ our Great High Priest

How is He so great?