

THE EPISTLES TO THE HEBREWS

(Hebrews 1)

God Spoke (1)

God Spoke through the Prophets; God Spoke Through His Son; God Appointed the Son His Heir; God Made the World Through The Son

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

The Son is One with God

The Son Upholds All Things by the Power of His Word; The Son Made Purification of Sins; The Son Sits at the Right Hand of the Majesty on High

3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

The Son is Higher Than Angels (1)

The Son's Name is More Excellent than Angels' Names

4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say,
"YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"?
And again,
"I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM
AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"?

6 And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,
"AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

7 And of the angels He says,
"WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,
AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."

8 But of the Son He says,
"YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER,
AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

9 "YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS;
THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU
WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS."

10 And,
"YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH,
AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;
11 THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN;
AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT,
12 AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP;

LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED
BUT YOU ARE THE SAME,
AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END."

13But to which of the angels has **He** ever said,
"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES
A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"?

14Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

(Hebrews 2)

1For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

2For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,

3how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

God Spoke (2)

God Testifies with Those Who Heard; God Testifies by Signs, Wonders, and Miracles; The Holy Spirit Distributes Miraculous Power

After it was at the first spoken through the **Lord**, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

4**God** also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the **Holy Spirit** according to **His** own will.

The Son is Higher Than Angels (2)

5For **He** did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.

6But one has testified somewhere, saying,

"WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM?

OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?

7"YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS;

YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR,

AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

8YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET "

The Son Rules All Things, Even Though it is Not Seen Yet

For in subjecting all things to **him**, **He** left nothing that is not subject to **him** But now we do not yet see all things subjected to **him**.

Jesus was Temporarily Lower than Angels; Jesus is God's Son (1); God is Gracious; Jesus Suffered Death; Jesus is Crowned with Glory and Honour

9But we do see **Him** who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, **Jesus**, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of **God He** might taste death for everyone.

God is the Author of All Things

Jesus is the Author of Salvation; Jesus Suffered (1)

10For it was fitting for **Him**, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

Jesus is Joined with Believers under God the Father

Jesus Sanctifies the Believer; Jesus is Our Brother

11For both **He** who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one **Father**; for which reason **He** is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12saying,

"I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN,
IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE."

13And again,

"I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM "

And again,

"BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME."

Jesus Shared Physical Existence with Believers; Jesus Rendered Death and Satan Powerless; Jesus is Victorious

14Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, **He Himself** likewise also partook of the same, that through death **He** might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

Jesus Helps Believers

Jesus Freed Believers from the Fear of Death

15and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

16For assuredly **He** does not give help to angels, but **He** gives help to the descendant of Abraham.

Jesus Fully Identifies with Believers in Temptation

Jesus is Merciful; Jesus is Faithful; Jesus Made Propitiation for Sins; Jesus is God's Apostle; Jesus is the Believers' High Priest (1)

17Therefore, **He** had to be made like **His** brethren in all things, so that **He** might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to **God**, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18For since **He Himself** was tempted in that which **He** has suffered, **He** is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

(Hebrews 3)

1Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider **Jesus**, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession;

Jesus was Faithful to God's Appointment (God Appointed 1:2)

2 **He** was faithful to **Him** who appointed **Him**, as Moses also was in all **His** house.

Jesus Deserves More Glory Than Moses

3For **He** has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.

4For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is **God**.

Christ, the Son, is Faithful Over His House, Believers

5Now Moses was faithful in all **His** house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later;

6but **Christ** was faithful as a **Son** over **His** house--whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

The Holy Spirit

7Therefore, just as the **Holy Spirit** says,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

8DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,

AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

9WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED Me BY TESTING Me,

AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.

10"THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION,

AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART,

AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS';

11AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,

'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'"

God is the Living
God(1)

12Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living **God**.

13But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of **Christ**, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

15while it is said,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME."

16For who provoked **Him** when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses?

God was Angry with
Unbelievers

17And with whom was **He** angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

18And to whom did **He** swear that they would not enter **His** rest, but to those who were disobedient?

19So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

1Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering **His** rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

2For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

God Promised Rest for Believers (1)

3For we who have believed enter that rest, just as **He** has said, "AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST," although **His** works were finished from the foundation of the world.

God Rested from His Work

4For **He** has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS";

5and again in this passage, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

6Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience,

7 **He** again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

8For if Joshua had given them rest, **He** would not have spoken of another day after that.

God Promises Rest for Believers (2)

9So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of **God**.

10For the one who has entered **His** rest has **himself** also rested from **his** works, as **God** did from **His**.

11Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

12 For the word of **God** is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

God Sees All Things

13And there is no creature hidden from **His** sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of **Him** with whom we have to do.

Jesus is the Believers' High Priest (2); Jesus is God's Son (2)

14Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our confession.

Jesus Sympathizes with Believers; Jesus Resisted Temptation's Full Force

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but **One** who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

Jesus is Gracious; Jesus is Merciful (2)

16Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 5)

1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to **God**, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;

2 he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness;

3 and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself.

4 And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by **God**, even as Aaron was.

5 So also **Christ** did not glorify **Himself** so as to become a high priest, but **He** who said to **Him**,
"YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU";

6 just as **He** says also in another passage,
"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER
ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

Jesus Prayed and Supplicated;
God Heard Jesus' Prayers
Because of Jesus' Reverence;
Jesus was Reverent;

7 In the days of **His** flesh, **He** offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the **One** able to save **Him** from death, and **He** was heard because of **His** piety.

Jesus Learned Obedience;
Jesus Suffered (2)

8 Although **He** was a **Son**, **He** learned obedience from the things which **He** suffered.

Jesus Fully
Accomplished His
Purpose Jesus is the
Author of Salvation (2)

9 And having been made perfect, **He** became to all those who obey **Him** the source of eternal salvation,

God Designated Christ as a
High Priest

10 being designated by **God** as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

11 Concerning **him** we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of **God**, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

(Hebrews 6)

1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the **Christ**, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward **God**,

2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

3 And this we will do, if **God** permits.

4For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the **Holy Spirit**,

5and have tasted the good word of **God** and the powers of the age to come,

6and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves **the Son of God** and put **Him** to open shame.

7For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from **God**;

8but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

9But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way.

**God is Just; God Remembers
The Believer's Works of Love**

10For **God** is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward **His** name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

11And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end,

12so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**God Made Promises to
Abraham; God Swore by
Himself**

13For when **God** made the promise to Abraham, since **He** could swear by no one greater, **He** swore by **Himself**,

14saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU."

15And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

16For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute.

**God Promised Believers a
Better Covenant; God is
Unchangeable**

17In the same way **God**, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of **His** purpose, interposed with an oath,

God Cannot Lie

18so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for **God** to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

**Jesus has Preceded
Believers into Holy of Holies**

19This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

20where **Jesus** has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

(Hebrews 7)

1For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the **Most High God**, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.

Jesus' Priesthood is Eternal

3Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like **the Son of God**, he remains a priest perpetually.

4Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.

5And those indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have commandment in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham.

6But the one whose genealogy is not traced from them collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed the one who had the promises.

7But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.

8In this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case one receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives on.

9And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes,

10for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

11Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?

Jesus' Priesthood Changes the Law

12For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

13For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.

14For it is evident that our **Lord** was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

15And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

16who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

17For it is attested of **Him**,

"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER
ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

18For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness

19(for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to **God**.

20And inasmuch as it was not without an oath

21(for they indeed became priests without an oath, but **He** with an oath through the **One** who said to **Him**,

"THE LORD HAS SWORN
AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND,
'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER'");

Jesus is the Guarantee of a Better Covenant

22so much the more also **Jesus** has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

23The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing,

24but **Jesus**, on the other hand, because **He** continues forever, holds **His** priesthood permanently.

25Therefore **He** is able also to save forever those who draw near to **God** through **Him**, since **He** always lives to make intercession for them.

26For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;

27who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for **His** own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this **He** did once for all when He offered up Himself.

**God Made the Promise
Regarding His Son
Subsequent to the Law**

28For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a **Son**, made perfect forever.

(Hebrews 8)

**Jesus Sits at the Right Hand
of the Majesty on High**

1Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken **His** seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

2a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the **Lord** pitched, not man.

3For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer.

4Now if **He** were on earth, **He** would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;

5who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by **God** when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," **He** says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."

**Jesus is the Mediator of the
Better Covenant (1)**

6But now **He** has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as **He** is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

7For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

8For finding fault with them, **He** says,

"BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT

WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;

9NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS

ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND

TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT;

FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT,

AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

10"FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL
AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:

I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS,

AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS.

AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,
AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.
11"AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN,
AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,'
FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME,
FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.
12"FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES,
AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE."

13When **He** said, "A new covenant," **He** has made the first obsolete But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

(Hebrews 9)

1Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary.

2For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place.

3Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies,

4having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant;

5and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

6Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship,

7but into the second, only the high priest enters once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.

8The **Holy Spirit** is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing,

9which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,

10since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.

11But when **Christ** appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, **He** entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;

12and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through **His** own blood, **He** entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

13For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

Jesus Offered Himself Through the Holy Spirit

14how much more will the blood of **Christ**, who through the eternal **Spirit** offered **Himself** without blemish to **God**, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living **God**?

Jesus is the Mediator of the Better Covenant (2)

15For this reason **He** is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that

were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

16For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.

17For a covenant is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

18Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood.

19For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

20saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU."

21And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood.

22And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

23Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

**Christ Entered God's
Presence as the Believers'
High Priest**

24For **Christ** did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of **God** for us;

25nor was it that **He** would offer **Himself** often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own.

26Otherwise, **He** would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages **He** has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of **Himself**.

27And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,

**Christ will Come Again To
Believers**

28so **Christ** also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await **Him**.

(Hebrews 10)

1For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.

2Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?

3But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year.

4For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5Therefore, when **He** comes into the world, **He** says,
"SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED,
BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;

6IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

7"THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME

(IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME)
TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD."

8After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them" (which are offered according to the Law),

9then **He** said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

10By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of **Jesus Christ** once for all.

11Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

12but **He**, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

13waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

14For by one offering **He** has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

The Holy Spirit Testifies to the Better Covenant

15And the **Holy Spirit** also testifies to us; for after saying,

16"THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM

AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:

I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART,
AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,"

He then says,

17"AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS
I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

18Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.

**Jesus Bled as a Sacrifice
so Believers May Enter
the Holy Place**

19Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence
to enter the holy place by the blood of **Jesus**,

20by a new and living way which **He** inaugurated for us through the
veil, that is, **His** flesh,

**Jesus is the Great Priest
Over God's House, Believers**

21and since we have a great priest over the house of **God**,

22let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith,
having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our
bodies washed with pure water.

**God is Faithful; God will
Fulfill His Promises**

23Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for
He who promised is faithful;

24and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one
another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

26For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

28Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

The Spirit is Gracious

29How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the **Son of God**, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the **Spirit** of grace?

God Can Be Known

30For we know **Him** who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY " And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

God is the Living God (2)

31It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living **God**.

32But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,

33partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.

34For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.

35Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

God has Made Promises to Those Who Do His Will

36For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of **God**, you may receive what was promised.

37FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE,
HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.

38BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;
AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

39But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

(Hebrews 11)

1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2For by it the men of old gained approval.

God Created the Worlds with A Word

3By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of **God**, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

4By faith Abel offered to **God** a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, **God** testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

5By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was

pleasing to **God**.

**God Exists; God Rewards
Those Who Seek Him**

6And without faith it is impossible to please **Him**, for he who comes to **God** must believe that **He** is and that **He** is a rewarder of those who seek **Him**.

7By faith Noah, being warned by **God** about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

8By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;

God is the Builder of Heaven

10for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is **God**.

11By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered **Him** faithful who had promised.

12Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.

13All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

14For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.

15And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return.

**God is Pleased to be the
God of Believers**

16But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one Therefore **God** is not ashamed to be called their **God**; for **He** has prepared a city for them.

17By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son;

18it was he to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED."

19He considered that **God** is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

20By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.

21By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

22By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

23By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

24By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
25choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of **God** than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

26considering the reproach of **Christ** greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

God is Invisible

27By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing **Him** who is unseen.

28By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.

29By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

30By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

31By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.

32And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

33who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,

34quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

35Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;

36and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.

37They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated

38(men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

39And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

40because **God** had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

(Hebrews 12)

1Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Jesus is the Author and Perfecter of Faith

**Jesus Foresaw the Joyful
Outcome of His Sacrifice;
Jesus Sits at the Right
Hand of God's Throne**

2fixing our eyes on **Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before **Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and

has sat down at the right hand of the throne of **God**.

3For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

4You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

5and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,

"MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD,
NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;

6FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES,
AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

**God Deals with Believers
as Sons When He
Disciplines Them**

7It is for discipline that you endure; **God** deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

8But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

9Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the **Father** of spirits, and live?

**God Disciplines His Children
so We Share His
Holiness; God is Holy**

10For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but **He** disciplines us for our good, so that we may share **His** holiness.

11All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

12Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble,

13and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

14Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the **Lord**.

God is Gracious (2)

15See to it that no one comes short of the grace of **God**; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

16that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.

17For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

18For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind,

19and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them.

20For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED."

21And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling."

God is the Living God (3)

22But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living **God**, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,

God is Judge of All

23to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are

enrolled in heaven, and to **God**, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

Jesus is the Mediator of the Better Covenant (3)

24and to **Jesus**, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

God Speaks (3-Spoke)

God Sends Warning from Heaven

25See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.

God Shook Mt Sinai with His Voice

26And **His** voice shook the earth then, but now **He** has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."

27This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to **God** an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

God is a Consuming Fire

29for our **God** is a consuming fire.

(Hebrews 13)

1Let love of the brethren continue.

2Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

3Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

4Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers **God** will judge.

God Never Deserts Believers; Jesus Helps Believers (2)

5Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for **He Himself** has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

6so that we confidently say,

"THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.
WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

7Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of **God** to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

8 **Jesus Christ** is the same yesterday and today and forever.

9Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited.

10We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

11For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside the camp.

Jesus Suffered as an Outcast

12Therefore **Jesus** also, that **He** might sanctify the people through **His** own blood, suffered outside the gate.

13So, let us go out to **Him** outside the camp, bearing **His** reproach.

14 For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.

Jesus Enables Believers to Live for God

God is Pleased with Good Works for Others

15Through **Him** then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to **God**, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to **His** name.

16And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices **God** is pleased.

17Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

18Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

19And I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you the sooner.

God is a God of Peace; God Raised Jesus from the Dead; Jesus is the Great Shepherd of Believers; Jesus Equips Believers with All We Need to Please God

20Now the **God** of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even **Jesus our Lord**,

21equip you in every good thing to do **His** will, working in us that which is pleasing in **His** sight, through **Jesus Christ**, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

22But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.

23Take notice that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom, if he comes soon, I will see you.

24Greet all of your leaders and all the saints Those from Italy greet you.

25Grace be with you all.