

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME SEVEN
THE FINAL WORD—A SURVEY OF HEBREWS—REVELATION
HEBREWS: JESUS CHRIST, OUR SUPERIOR SAVIOR
A SURVEY OF HEBREWS



The Heart of the Matter

Hebrews, although among the largest and most significant letters in the New Testament, remains one of the least appreciated. Profound, mysterious, deep, and sometimes difficult to understand, this book deserves our time and attention. Rich in Jewish history and filled with quotations from and allusions to the Old Testament, the study of Hebrews requires concentration plus a fairly firm grasp of how God revealed Himself to His people in ancient times. Those who master this book are keen students of such subjects as the priestly system, sacrifices, traditional Jewish feasts, and the tabernacle. Bedside reading, Hebrews is not. But for those who go to the trouble of working their way through these thirteen chapters, the investment yields rich and rewarding benefits.



Discovering the Way

1. Introductory Questions

We begin with four questions: Who wrote it? Who received it? Why was it written? And when was it written?

2. The Theme of Hebrews: Christ Is Lord

Christ is superior in every way: in His person (chapters 1–4), as our priest (chapters 5–10), and through all of life (chapters 11–13). Christ is sufficient in all experiences.



Starting Your Journey

Two great issues are addressed in Hebrews. First, our greatest need is to discover what God has said about our desires, issues, or struggles. Second, our greatest task is to align our lives according to what He has said.



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<i>Prologue (1:1-4)</i>	<p>Jesus Christ: Superior in His Person</p> <p>Superior to: Prophets Angels Moses The Sabbath Other priests</p> <p><i>CHAPTERS</i> 1:1-4:13</p>	<p>Jesus Christ: Superior as Our Priest</p> <p>Better than: Earthly priesthood Old covenant (Mosaic system) Animal sacrifices Daily offerings</p> <p><i>CHAPTERS</i> 4:14-10:18</p>	<i>Epilogue (13:20-25)</i>		
Emphasis	Instruction		Exhortation		
Key Words	“Much better than” 1:4	“Better” 7:19	“Let us” 12:1		
Warnings	2:1-4	3:7-4:13	5:11-6:20	10:19-39	12:25-29
Theme	The absolute superiority of Jesus Christ				
Key Verse	4:14				
Christ in Hebrews	Jesus is the absolutely superior revelation of God and our eternal High Priest (1:1-14; 3:1).				

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