

Hebrews: The shocking work of Christ's sovereignty, the perfection of the New Covenant, and the unbreakable faith

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Deep into Hebrews: The shocking work of Christ's sovereignty, the perfection of the New Covenant, and the unbreakable faith

Prepare to be completely changed by the bravest, most beautiful, and most powerful epistle in the New Testament! Hebrews is not an ordinary letter, it is a war drum, a lightning bolt, a lifeline—written for the early Jewish Christians who were struggling on the edge of their faith, on the verge of giving up. Today, this book still speaks with the same urgent call to each of us who are shaken in trials: Stay the course, for Jesus Christ is greater, more glorious, and more sufficient than all you know!

Who wrote the book? Why is it still a mystery to this day?

No one knows exactly who the author is. Paul? Barnabas? Apollo? Baekilla? None of them matter. Importantly, this author knows the Old Testament and Jewish traditions well, but declares with the sharpest pen - "All that you have cherished—angels, prophets, Moses, priests, tabernacles, sacrifices—are only shadows, and Jesus Christ is the ultimate entity!"

Who is this letter addressed to? It is written to Jewish Christians who are being persecuted, shaken, and thinking that "it will be safe to return to the Old Testament." The author shouted: Don't retreat! Because you already have far better!

First Strike: Jesus is Greater Than Angels (Chapters 1-2)

"In the beginning God spoke to our fathers many times through his Son in these last days." (1:1-2)

In the past, God spoke through prophets; Today, He speaks directly through the Son. This Son is not a servant, not a messenger, but:

- The glory of God
- The true image of God
- Bearer of all things
- The One who created the universe
- The king who sits at the right hand of the Most High

God never said to any angel, "You are my son, and I will give birth to you today." (1:5) Angels can only worship, but Christ is worthy of worship by all!

Second Strike: Jesus is Greater Than Moses (Chapter 3)

Moses was the servant, and Christ was the Son; Moses served in the house of God, and Christ ruled over the entire house of God. If we hold on to our faith at the beginning until the end, we are members of His family.

Third Strike: Jesus is a Merciful and Faithful High Priest (Chapters 4-5)

"Our high priest is not incapable of compassion for our infirmities, but he has been tempted in all things, just as we are, except that he has not sinned." (4:15)

Think of it: The Creator of the stars, who took on the flesh and blood, experienced hunger, weariness, pain, betrayal, loneliness, and even sweating and struggling in the Garden of Gethsemane - He understood. He really understands.

Therefore, we can "come confidently before the throne of grace to help at any time for mercy and favor" (4:16). Not trembling, but fearless! Because Jesus has opened a new and living way for us.

Fourth Strike: Jesus is the eternal High Priest of the Melchizedek level (chapters 7-10)

The high priests of the Old Testament sacrificed every year, and they were sinners themselves. Jesus offered himself once and for all to enter the true sanctuary in heaven to cleanse our consciences with his blood.

The Old Testament is a shadow, and the New Testament is a substance; The old sacrifice can only cover sin, but the sacrifice of Christ completely removes sin; The old covenant is inscribed on stone tablets, and the new covenant is written on the tablets of the hearts of men.

"I will write my law in their hearts, and in their minds..... I will no longer remember their sins." (8:10,12)

The veil has been torn and the doors of the Holy of Holies are always open for you. You no longer need an intermediary, because Jesus is the only, complete, and eternal mediator.

The Fifth Strike: The Glory Parade of the Great Man of Faith (Chapter 11)

This is not a "list of ancient sages and sages", this is a shocking procession:

- Abraham left his homeland and could not see but believed in the promise
- Moses would rather suffer than enjoy the joy of sin
- Rahab received spies by letter and became a member of the genealogy of faith from a prostitute

None of them received what was promised, because God has prepared something better for us—to make us perfect with them in Christ!

"Such a beautiful testimony of faith is that when the cloud surrounds us, we must lay down all burdens, cast off the sins that easily entangle us, and endure with patience and run the journey that is set before us, looking to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith." (12:1-2)

The final clarion call: stay the course!

Hebrews is not meant to scare you, but to save you, set you on fire, and embrace you. It tells you:

- Your high priest is sitting on the throne and interceding for you
- Your name is already written on the heart plate of the New Testament
- Your faith has followed in the footsteps of thousands of heroes
- Your end is not failure, but eternal glory

So, today, please hear this call: don't harden, don't retreat, don't give up! For the One you believe in will not change yesterday, today, and forever. He is greater than angels, more glorious than Moses, more good than the Old Testament, and more perfect than everything.

He is worthy of all your faith, all your love, and all your life.

If you are ignited by this book, please share this message with that friend who is struggling. Tell me in the comment area: When you really see "Jesus is greater than everything", which part of your heart is touched the most?

We run together, win together, and enter the unshakable kingdom together. Because - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (13:8)

Amen. Come on, let's keep running!

Hebrews Shocking Ending: Keep going to the end, for you belong to the kingdom that cannot be shaken!

Confidence Hero List, Never Finished (after 11:32)

They were stoned to death, sawed open, pierced by swords, they ran in the skins of sheep and goats, poor, in distress, and mistreated..... The world doesn't deserve them!

These people did not receive what was promised until death, because God has something more beautiful in store for us - to bring us with them to the same glorious end!

Chapter 12 Stadium: You are being cheered by thousands of people!

Now, it's your turn!

Picture this: the entire stand was filled with Abraham, Moses, Rahab, Daniel..... They stand up and shout wildly for you! "Come on! Don't stop! We've all come this far, and you can do it too!"

"Therefore, since we have so many witnesses like clouds surrounding us, let us lay down all our burdens, put off the sins that easily entangle us, and be patient and run on the road that is before us, looking to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith." (12:1-2)

Let go of your burdens, cast off your sins, and look to Jesus - He is the trophy at the finish line and the one who will accompany you to the finish line!

Mortal Danger: Spiritual Drifting

Hebrews gives the most serious alarm: "Take heed that no one misrays the grace of God; lest poisonous roots grow and disturb you" (12:15) The most terrible thing is not the sudden apostasy, but the slow drift - pray one less today and read one less sentence tomorrow, and the acquired heart will harden, your ears will be deaf, and your anchor will be loose.

"If we sinned deliberately and turned our backs on it, there would be no more atonement sacrifice." (10:26)

This is not to scare you, this is to save you! When you can still hear His voice today, turn around quickly and grab the lifeline!

The Tabernacle and the Heavenly Sanctuary: The shadow finally exits

No matter how gorgeous the tabernacle on earth is, it is only a copy; The true Holy of Holies is already in heaven, and Jesus has entered it once and for all with His blood!

The veil is torn! You and I can now walk into God's presence with confidence and fearlessness! There is no longer a need for annual sacrifices, because "once offered, He has sat at the right hand of God forever."

The Blood of Christ: The only blood that can cleanse the conscience

The blood of cattle and sheep can only wash the body, but the blood of Jesus can wash the conscience! They can only cover sin, and He can take away sin! They make people temporarily clean, and He makes them perfect forever!

Enter God's Rest: Valid Today!

The Israelites heard the promise in the wilderness, but could not enter because they did not believe. Today, God's rest is still open to you:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Let go of the pride of trying to earn grace and accept the grace He has "become" for you, this is true rest!

From milk to solid food: you can't be a baby forever

How long have you been a believer? Still drinking milk? Or are you already able to eat dry food, distinguish between good and evil, and teach others?

"Solid food is for adults, and if their minds are well practiced, they can distinguish between good and bad." (5:14)

God wants you to grow up! He doesn't satisfy you to sit in a baby chair forever.

Discipline: Ironclad proof that God loves you

Your current suffering, tears, and setbacks are likely not punishment, but discipline - "For the Lord loves, He will discipline." (12:6)

If the father does not beat the child, the child is an illegitimate child. You are being beaten to prove that you are truly a child of God! The pain is temporary, but the effect of holiness and peace is eternal.

Jesus: The anchor that never lets go in the storm

"We have this hope, like an anchor of the soul, strong and secure, and penetrating into the veil." (6:19)

The world can be shaken, careers can collapse, health can be lost, but this anchor is firmly nailed to the Holy of Holies in heaven, Jesus Himself holds the rope, and He will never let go!

True worship: give your whole life

Stop asking, "Do I want to go to church this week?" And ask, "How can I live as a breathing altar in this life?"

"Therefore, brethren, I urge you in the mercy of God to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, and it is natural for you to serve in this way." (Romans 12:1, echo of Hebrews)

The final shaking: only the country that cannot be shaken is left

"Once again, I will shake not only the earth, but also the sky." (12:26)

When that day comes, stocks will return to zero, reputation will return to zero, health will return to zero, and only the kingdom of God will never be shaken!

"When we have a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful and serve God with piety and reverence, as it pleases God. For our God is fire!" (12:28-29)

The final sprint: look to Jesus and persevere to the end!

Honey, you've run so far, don't fall before the finish line!

Keep your eyes on Jesus from circumstances, from yourself, from past failures - He has crossed the finish line for you, and now he turns back, opens his arms to you, and shouts:

"Come on! I've won for you! Hold on a little longer, and you'll be home!"

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (13:8)

Did you hear that? That's cheers at the finish line! That's Jesus cheering for you!

Now, it's your turn: take a deep breath, shake off the burdens, and follow Him for the last time—crossing the line!

Amen. See you in the kingdom that cannot be shaken! Forward this message to the friend who is about to give up - tell him: Hold on a little longer, Jesus is already waiting for you at the end!

We pray

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the book of Hebrews so that we can see once again Jesus Christ as the mediator of a better covenant, who is above all, full of honor, full of authority, and our perfect Savior.

Lord, when we read that Your Son is the glory of God, the true image of God, our hearts are once again shaken by His greatness. Please let us not only understand, but also respond to Your revelation more - let our hearts fear You and rely on You alone.

Lord Jesus, thank You for being the merciful and faithful High Priest, You are not far from our weaknesses, but compassionate towards us. Please attract us to always come to the throne of grace calmly and fearlessly, to receive mercy, grace, and help at any time.

Holy Spirit, through this book, You remind us to hold on to the hope we confess and not waver. Please take care of us, so that we will not fall backward, but have life by faith.

Please also engrave the example of those great men of faith in our hearts - let us learn to live by faith like Abel, Noah, Abraham, and Moses. Please help us to let go of our burdens, cast off our burdens, and run the road ahead with patience, looking to Jesus as the founder and finisher of our faith.

Heavenly Father, please make us truly understand that You discipline us because You love us as a father has for his son. Teach us humility and obedience and let Your holiness take shape in our lives.

In the holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen

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