

An Introduction to Hebrews

October 16, 2022
Hebrews

Pastor Mark Turner
Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)

Why Study Hebrews:

- Written to believers like us!
- Lifts our thoughts & hearts to the present reign of Christ
- It is all about the sufficiency of Christ's work - Christ is superior

Who wrote Hebrews?

- Probably not Paul even though KJV suggests that
- Author heard from apostles^{2:3}; Paul from Jesus^{Gal 1:11-12}
- Style doesn't fit Paul
- Most likely a series of Sermons combined into a book

How does Hebrews relate to me?

- Written to believers nearing exhaustion in trials struggling to live gratefully & obediently in response to the Gospel
- They were trying to 'go back', forgetting Christ is superior
- Likely written before destruction of temple AD70^{Heb8:13}
- Some no longer studying God's Word^{5:12-14}
- Some neglecting faithfulness in weekly worship^{Heb10:24-25}
- Like ancestors forgetting God's goodness & grace

Jesus is Better than...

- Material wealth, it won't satisfy like peace with God
- Relationships, Only Jesus promises to never leave you^{Heb13:5}
- Sexual Freedom or Own identity. Jesus' true love^{Jn15:13}
- Comfort & Ease. Because of Jesus we are willing to give up material things^{Lk17:33}

The Bookends of Hebrews

- Beginning: intense theology 1:1-3
 - God has spoken to us... He didn't have to speak to us...
 - God has spoken many times & in many ways...
 - But now spoken to us by His Son - action
 - God in the flesh, He makes purification for sins
 - It is finished - He sat down!
- Ending Doxology 13:20-21
 - Jesus is more than far off God... He's the Great Shepherd
 - He provided blood to satisfy the eternal covenant
 - So we can in Christ, do what we were created to do... His will and that which is pleasing in His sight!
 - We can now serve God and say:
*The Lord is my helper; I will not fear;
what can man do to me?*^{Ps13:6}

An Introduction to Hebrews

October 16, 2022
Hebrews

Pastor Mark Turner
Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)

Why Study Hebrews:

- Written to believers like us!
- Lifts our thoughts & hearts to the present reign of Christ
- It is all about the sufficiency of Christ's work - Christ is superior

Who wrote Hebrews?

- Probably not Paul even though KJV suggests that
- Author heard from apostles^{2:3}; Paul from Jesus^{Gal 1:11-12}
- Style doesn't fit Paul
- Most likely a series of Sermons combined into a book

How does Hebrews relate to me?

- Written to believers nearing exhaustion in trials struggling to live gratefully & obediently in response to the Gospel
- They were trying to 'go back', forgetting Christ is superior
- Likely written before destruction of temple AD70^{Heb8:13}
- Some no longer studying God's Word^{5:12-14}
- Some neglecting faithfulness in weekly worship^{Heb10:24-25}
- Like ancestors forgetting God's goodness & grace

Jesus is Better than...

- Material wealth, it won't satisfy like peace with God
- Relationships, Only Jesus promises to never leave you^{Heb13:5}
- Sexual Freedom or Own identity. Jesus' true love^{Jn15:13}
- Comfort & Ease. Because of Jesus we are willing to give up material things^{Lk17:33}

The Bookends of Hebrews

- Beginning: intense theology 1:1-3
 - God has spoken to us... He didn't have to speak to us...
 - God has spoken many times & in many ways...
 - But now spoken to us by His Son - action
 - God in the flesh, He makes purification for sins
 - It is finished - He sat down!
- Ending Doxology 13:20-21
 - Jesus is more than far off God... He's the Great Shepherd
 - He provided blood to satisfy the eternal covenant
 - So we can in Christ, do what we were created to do... His will and that which is pleasing in His sight!
 - We can now serve God and say:
*The Lord is my helper; I will not fear;
what can man do to me?*^{Ps13:6}