

Hebrews Overview

“If God is so committed to our joy and our glory, and if he loves us so much, why is our life so hard? The answer from the book of Hebrews is that life is a difficult journey: a journey from weariness into rest, from alienation into belonging, and from withering isolation into the glorious city of God. Ultimately, we are all dreaming of home, and the only way we’re going to get there is by fixing our eyes on Jesus. He is our home, and in him, our passage is secure, and our resources are sufficient, whatever circumstances we face. And there is no better place in the Scriptures to find that security than the book of Hebrews.”

—Tim Keller

Context

- Author: Unknown
- Audience: First Century Jewish Christians
- Location: Rome
- Date: Around 65 AD
- Style: Letter? Sermon? Essay?

Themes

- Revelation and the Word of God
- Redemption and the work of Christ
- Sanctification and set apart for the work of God
- The humanity of Christ
- Forgiveness and hope
- Superiority and accessibility of Jesus
- Supremacy of Christ

Hebrews 1:1-4

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.