

Series "Fixed On 66"
"Hebrews"
Book-58

Key Passage – Hebrews 4:14-16; 6:1

"Don't Go Back" or "The need to grow up!" The writer is writing to Jews that are suffering under persecution. Because they are suffering for their faith in Jesus, they are tempted to return to Judaism to escape the persecution of Christianity.

The Author: Anonymous. **The Suggested Author is The Apostle Paul,** although his name never appears in the Book.

Other possible authors: **Timothy, Barnabas, Apollos, Luke, & Silas.**

When Written: Probably in the year 63 - 68 AD. Written before the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, since several passages indicate that Temple worship was still in progress (8:4; 9:6; 10:11; 13:10).

Where it was Written: The place of the writing is unknown. **Hebrews 13:24**

Written To: The Hebrew Christians.

The Letter reveals the following information about the recipients:

1. They had professed faith in Christ (3:1)
2. They had heard the Gospel from eyewitnesses of Christ's ministry (2:3)
3. They had been believers for many years (5:12)
4. They had endured hardship for their faith in Christ (10:32-34)
5. They were in danger of drifting away from their commitment to Christ (2:3; 3:12; 10:35-38)
6. They were under threat of severe persecution (12:1-4)

Background: Jewish Christians in the first century were suffering for their faith in Jesus. These believers were suffering in a double way. They were suffering because they were Jews, and because they were Christians. The author, having a deep understanding in Judaism, writes and lets them know that going back to the Law is a dead end. It was replaced because it fulfilled its intended design.

Purpose:

1. **To present the superiority of Jesus Christ and the Christian Gospel (1:1:3-4). Jesus is "better" than.**
2. **To warn about the danger of slipping in our level of commitment to Christ.**
3. **To assure Believers of the "rest" available to us in Christ. His use of the word "rest" is found only in Chapters 3 & 4, but in those chapters he speaks of 5 different "rests."**

Theme: *"Press on to maturity" or "Don't Go Back."*

Key Words: God – 158 times, faith – 49 times, by faith – 28 times, Better – 19 times, Rest – 17 times, Let us – 14 times.

Key Chapter: Hebrews 11 The Hall of Faith. Men and women in life's most difficult situations that held to God through faith.

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Outline:

- 1. Hebrews 1-7 Jesus The New And Better Deliverer**
- 2. Hebrews 8-10:18 Calvary The New And Better Covenant**
- 3. Hebrews 10:19-13 Faith The True And Better Principle**

1. Hebrews 1-7 Jesus - The New And Better Deliverer

Hebrews 1-2 Jesus The God-Man - Better Than Angels: Hebrews 1:1-2

last days has spoken to us in His Son, - This is important because we don't need any further revelation. The last book of the Bible is "**The Revelation.**" Jesus revealed to John what the future holds. **The year is 95 AD.**

Hebrews 1:3 When He had made purification of sins, He sat down

Jesus sat down because He had completed His mission.

Hebrews 1:4 having become as much better than the angels,

Hebrews 1:13-14 The Bible teaches that angels are part of His creation. Messengers!

Hebrews 2:1-4 Don't Drift Away: Hebrews 2:1-4

If the word of angels holds, how much more the Word of God spoken to us?

Hebrews 2:9-18 Jesus Humbled Himself: Hebrews 2:9-10

Ephesians 1 speaks of the Father's plan, Jesus accomplished the work, the Holy Spirit sealing those that are His.

Hebrews 2:14-18 Jesus took on a human tent and dwelt among us, so He could be that merciful high priest.

Hebrews 3:1-11 Jesus The New Apostle/High Priest - Better Than Moses: Hebrews 3:1-3 Jesus, the faithful Son of God, always did that which was pleasing to the Lord.

Hebrews 3:12-19 The Danger of Unbelief: Hebrews 3:12-19.
We need to listen, we need to obey.

Hebrews 4:1-13 Jesus The New Leader - Better Than Joshua: Hebrews 4:8-11 There is a rest that comes through obedience to Jesus. The victory that we can enjoy through the Holy Spirit. Then there is the rest and rewards of heaven. The Victorious Christian!

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active

Hebrews 4:14-7 Jesus The New Priest - Better Than Aaron: Hebrews 4:14-16 Not a throne of Justice, or we would not make it, but grace!

Hebrews 5:7-9

Hebrews 6:1-8 Falling Away: Hebrews 6:1-6 How can repentance take place when they put Jesus Christ to shame when they continue in sin? Lose rewards, saved and miserable, eternal life is eternal!

Hebrews 7:1-28 Melchizedek's Priesthood Like Christ's: (Genesis 14)

Hebrews 7:23-28 John 19:30

2. Hebrews 8-10:18 Calvary - The New And Better Covenant:

Hebrews 8:1-2 Because of the sacrifice that Jesus made, He finished His work and is now in heaven on the throne.

Hebrews 8:6-13 New Covenant Has Better Promises: Hebrews 8:10-13

Hebrews 9:1-14 A Better Sanctuary: Hebrews 9:11-14
Hebrews 9:15-28 A Better Sacrifice: Hebrews 9:24-28
One sacrifice only!

Hebrews 10:1-18 Achieves Far Better Results: Hebrews 10:1-4
Hebrews 10:11-14 If you have repented and turned to Jesus by faith, you are forgiven.

3. Hebrews 10:19-13 Faith - The True And Better Principle:

**Hebrews 10:19-39 Faith The True Response To These Better Things:
Hebrews 10:19-25 We need each other!**

Hebrews 10:26-31 Jesus Or Judgment: Hebrews 10:26-31

**Hebrews 11 The Hall of Faith; Examples Of Faith: Hebrews 11:1-3;
30-40**

**Hebrews 12:1-13 Endurance And Patiently Looking To Jesus:
Hebrews 12:1-3**

Hebrews 12:4-13 A Father's Discipline: Hebrews 12:4-13

**Hebrews 12:14-13:21 Faith Is Expressed In Practical Sanctity:
Hebrews 12:14-15; 16-17**

Hebrews 12:25-29 The Unshakable Kingdom: Hebrews 12:25-29

Hebrews 13:1-14 The Changeless Christ: Hebrews 13:1-14

Hebrews 13:15-19 God Pleasing Sacrifice: Hebrews 13:15-19

Hebrews 13:20-25 Closing Words: Hebrews 13:20-25

Application:

1. The Purpose Of Hebrews Is To Move The Believers On To Maturity, To Grow Up. The Way To Maturity Is To Present The Superior Jesus, A Superior Priesthood, And A Superior Principle Of Faith.
2. The Prophets Spoke The Word Of God, But Jesus Is The Word Of God:
John 1:1.
3. Jesus Christ Is God's "Last Word" As Far As Revelation Is Concerned.
4. The Author Of The Book of Hebrews Exhorts His Readers To Advance Into The Full Blessings Of The New Covenant. He Wants Them To Enjoy The Total Ministry Of Jesus Christ In This Life.