

Ladies Class - Various Speakers – Back Classroom

Or

How to Study the Bible – David Murphree – A100

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

BOOK OF HEBREWS - INTRODUCTION

✘ Commentators:

- + McQuiggen

- + Lightfoot

 - ✘ Jesus Christ Today

 - ✘ Everyone's Guide to Hebrews

- + Hagner

 - ✘ Encountering the Book of Hebrews

PARTICULARS ABOUT THE BOOK

✘ Who Wrote the Book of Hebrews?

+ Paul – Clement of Rome (95 AD)

- ✘ Relationship to Timothy – (13:23)

- ✘ Request for Prayers (13:18)

- ✘ Expressions of “see you soon” (13:19), “God of Peace” (13:20) and “Grace be with all of you” (13:25)

- ✘ Familiar with the “Italian” Brethren (13:23)

- ✘ Familiar with the Law (Romans, Galatians)

+ Negatives

- ✘ Historical Support is practically Nic

- ✘ The polished Greek – some of the best in the NT

- ✘ Concept of the “High Priesthood of Christ” (no where else)

PARTICULARS ABOUT THE BOOK

✘ Who Wrote the Book of Hebrews?

+ Paul – Clement of Rome (95 AD)

+ Barnabas – Tertullian (155 – 225 AD)

✘ Levite and “Son of Exhortation” (Acts 4:36)

+ Apollos – Martin Luther (1500’s)

+ Luke

“Who wrote the Letter to the Hebrews, only God knows for certain” (Origen – 185-254 AD)

PARTICULARS ABOUT THE BOOK

✘ When was it Written?

+ Again...Unknown

+ Somewhere between 64 AD and 95 AD

✘ Nero persecution – 64 AD

✘ Clement – makes reference to the Epistle – 95 AD

✘ No Direct Reference to the Temple

✘ Pre or Post Destruction

✘ But the system is spoken in present tense (9:6-10, 13:10)

✘ Persecution had begun

✘ Not tasted of Death yet....(12:4)

PARTICULARS ABOUT THE BOOK

✘ Who was it Written to?

+ The Hebrews or Jewish Christians

- ✘ Tradition
- ✘ Familiar with the Law
- ✘ Struggling with going back into Judaism (1500 years)

Problems:

- ✘ Written in Greek (not Aramaic)
- ✘ Heb 12:4 – “had not yet resisted to Blood”, we know Acts 7:54 – 8:3 – Martyrdom already began
- ✘ Heb 2:3 – personally not heard the Lord

+ Gentile Christians

- ✘ Nerodian persecution eminent
- ✘ They of Italy Salutes you
- ✘ Familiar with Timothy
- ✘ Struggling with going back into Paganism

PARTICULARS ABOUT THE BOOK

- ✘ What were the readers needs?
 - + Christian who had put their Faith in the Lord (3:1)
 - + Warned about “drifting” away (2:1)
 - + Losing Confidence under Persecution (10:32-35)
 - + Needed Knowledge
 - ✘ 5:12 – Should have been teachers...
 - ✘ 2:3 – Neglect so Great a Salvation
 - ★ Christ death was troubling to some (Messiah’s hung on a tree?)
 - ★ “Better than”....”once for all”
 - + Needed Exhortation - Heb. 13:22 (bear with this word....)
 - ✘ 2:1-4 - Exhorted against DRIFTING from God’s Word
 - ✘ 3:7-4:16 – Exhorted against DISBELIEVING God’s Word
 - ✘ 5:11-6:20 – Exhorted against DULLNESS toward God’s Word
 - ✘ 10:19-13:25 – Exhorted to DRAW near to God
- ✘ So perhaps these recipients were just like us!!!

THEME(S) OF THE BOOK

- ✘ Comparison of the Old and New (Better...)
 - + Prophets, Angels, Moses, The Sabbath, Priests
- ✘ Absolute Superiority of Jesus Christ
 - + Superior in Person
 - + Superior in Purpose
 - + Superior for our Life - (Heb. 13:8)
- ✘ Moving Saints from Wanderers to Worshippers
 - + Similar to the Exodus
 - + Needed to be Introduced to Jehovah
 - + Wilderness was used to Introduced Worship
 - + Wilderness used to move them from Wanderers to Worshippers

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

<i>Prologue (1:1-4)</i>	<p>Jesus Christ: Superior in His Person (Superior to:) Angels, Prophets, Moses, Sabbath, Other Priest <i>Chapters 1:1-4:13</i></p>	<p>Jesus Christ: Superior as our Priest (Better than:) Earthly Priesthood, Mosaic System, Animal Sacrifices, Daily Offerings <i>Chapters 4:14-10:18</i></p>	<p>Jesus Christ: Superior for our Life (Let us have:) Faith to believe God, Hope to Endure trials, Love to encourage others <i>Chapters 10:19-13:25</i></p>	<i>Epilogue (13:20-25)</i>
Emphasis	INSTRUCTION		EXHORTATION	
Key Words	"Much Better than..." (1:4)		"Better..." (7:19)	
Warnings	(2:1-4)	(3:7-4:13)	(5:11-6:20)	(10:19-39)
Main Theme	THE ABSOLUTE SUPERIORITY OF JESUS CHRIST			

AND FINALLY.....

“Now the God of Peace, who brought up from the dead the Great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, make you in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory forever and ever. AMEN.”

HEBREWS 13:20-21