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## ***Hebrews - Week 1 - Introduction to the Majesty of Jesus***

***“Because our royal Priest gave His sacred blood for us, we now have unrestricted access to the holiest place of all. With no veil and nothing hindering our intimacy with God, we can come with an unbelievable boldness to His mercy-throne where we encounter enough grace to empower us through every difficulty. We find our true life in His presence.”*** TPT Commentary

### **Author**

- *“Hebrews was written by a preacher with great pastoral sensitivity, desiring to apply his scriptural insights to the needs of a particular group of Christians for whom he was concerned.”*  
New Bible Commentary

### **Audience**

- *“The inscription placed on the original document is “To the Hebrews”, and the major themes point to a group of Jewish Christians who may have been getting cold feet, wondering if they should return to Judaism. This sermon-letter is so steeped in ancient Jewish practices that it seems very likely the author is addressing Christians converted from Judaism. And yet, the letter still speaks to us today as those who enter into a better covenant by faith in Jesus Christ.”* TPT Commentary

### **Theme**

- *“Jesus is the theme of Hebrews. You must learn from Him and draw closer to Him in order to understand the depth of this book, for **Jesus is the language of God!** When God now speaks to us, He speaks in the vocabulary of Jesus Christ.”* TPT Commentary
- *“The book of Hebrews presents the magnificent Jesus on every page...What once was a symbol has now become substance, for all the pictures of the Old Testament have found their fulfillment in Jesus”* TPT Commentary

### **Purpose**

- *“At one level, Hebrews continues to function as a warning about the consequences of withdrawing from Christian fellowship, disowning Jesus and abandoning hope in Him. On the positive side, it functions as an encouragement to endure in faith, hope and love, whatever the struggles and difficulties we may face. The writer seeks to promote such perseverance by fixing the gaze of his readers upon Jesus.”* New Bible Commentary
- *“He addressed his readers consistently as believers. He wrote to encourage Christians to persevere faithfully, so that they will receive all that God wants to give them at the judgment seat of Christ. Our rewards are at issue in this letter, not our salvation. The writer did not want us to suffer loss, but to enter into our full inheritance, our full rest, the fullness of our salvation.”*  
Dr. Thomas  
Constable

### **The Prologue**

***“The writer’s majestic descriptions of Jesus imply that in quality and quantity God had no more revelation to give other than what He had given in Jesus. Jesus Christ reveals what God is like.”*** The Women’s Bible Commentary

### ***V 2a - We are in the last days and Jesus is God’s voice and is still speaking***

*“We speak in English. God speaks in Son, for Jesus is the language of God.”* TPT Commentary

- John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

### ***What Does This Mean For Me?***

### ***V 2b - Jesus is heir of ALL things***

*All that God has and is belong to Jesus as the heir*

- Romans 8:16-17 *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

### ***What Does This Mean For Me?***

### ***V 2c - The worlds were made through Jesus***

*“Both the concept of “all things” and “all time” (the ages) are implied in the text”* TPT Commentary

- John 1:1-3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made*

### ***What Does This Mean For Me?***

### ***V 3a - Jesus is the brightness of God’s glory***

*The word is effulgence - brightness taken to the extreme. You may be dazzled by it, stunned by it, or even overcome by it.*

- John 1:4 *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

### ***What Does This Mean For Me?***

**V 3b - Jesus is the express image of God's personhood**

*"It is as though the exact imprint of the Father's nature and glory has been precisely reproduced in the soft metal of the Son's human nature. Now it is there for all the world to see." Hebrews for Everyone Tom Wright*

- Colossians 1:15 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

**What Does This Mean For Me?**

**V 3c - Jesus is upholding ALL things by the WORD of His power**

*Rhema - Living voice - A declaration of one's mind in words*

- John 3:34 *For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.*
- Colossians 1:17 *And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*

**What Does This Mean For Me?**

**V 3d - Jesus Himself purged our sins**

*He HIMSELF accomplished for us the complete cleansing of our sins*

- John 19:28-30 *After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

**What Does This Mean For Me?**

**V 3e - Jesus finished His work and sat down at the right hand of the Father**

*The highest throne - The place of honor*

- Ephesians 1:20 *which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,*

**What Does This Mean For Me**