

Hebrews

Background:

The Just Shall live By Faith
Romans *Galatians* *Hebrews*

Romans -- Believer's relation to moral law: *law to grace*

Hebrews -- Believer's relation to ceremonial law: *shadow to substance*

Author: Hebrew to Hebrews -- *stop being Hebrews*

Purpose: The Jews kept going back: *wilderness: Egypt ... N T: Judaism*
Egypt pictures a sinner: freedom must be balanced with responsibility

The wilderness *pictures a sojourner: what was better in Egypt?*

Theme: you are looking back, not to *this priesthood; this Temple; this altar*

Key Words: Perfect, 14x; 2:10, 5:9, 14; 6:1; 7:11, 19, 28

Better, 13x -- 1:4, 6:9, 7:7, 19, 22; 8:6; 9:23; 10:34, 11:16, 35, 40; 12:24

Outline:

I. A Superior Person: Christ, 1-6

a. ...To: **The Prophets, 1:1-3**

b. ...To: **The Angels 1:4 – 2:18**

-- Deity, 4-14 -- Humanity, 2:1ff --

First Danger: Drifting, 2:1-4

c. Superior To: **Moses, 3:1** --

Second Danger: Doubting, 3:7-4:2

d. Superior To: **Joshua, 4:1**

e. Superior To: **Aaron, 4:14-6:20**

Canaan: a symbol for “rest” ... There are three kinds of rest in Hebrews

1) *creation rest* 2) *salvation rest* 3) *Heavenly rest*

-- ***Third Danger:*** Diminished Hearing, 5:11-14

-- ***Fourth Danger:*** Depart, Having Heard, 6:1-20

II. A Superior Priesthood: Melchisedek, 7-10

a. He is of a **Better Order, 7** -- Perpetual, 1- ...
Perfect, 4f ... Personal, 23f

b. He offers a **Better Covenant, 8** -- Tabernacle, 1
-- Covenant, 6

c. He has a **better Sanctuary, 9**

d. He has a **better Sacrifice, 10**

-- ***Fifth Danger:*** Despising The Word, 10:26-39

III. Superior Principle: Faith, 11; Hope, 12; Love, 13

a. Examples Of Faith, 11

b. Endurance Of Faith , 12 --

Sixth Danger: Deny, 12:15-29

c. Evidences Of Faith, 13

Five Warning Passages . . .

2-1-4 *Drifting* 3:7-14 *Doubting*

5:11-6:20 *Dull* 10:26-39 *Despising*

12:14-19 *Disobeying*

Four major interpretations as to the condition and consequent warnings:

- 1) To 'saved' people, warning against BACKSLIDING (De Haan)
- 2) To 'saved' people, warning against LOSING SALVATION (Arminians)
- 3) To 'lost' people, warning against APOSTASY (K. Weust)
- 4) To a 'mixed multitude' . . . with specific warnings against APOSTASY (Couch)