

## AN OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

- I. **The Prologue** (1:1-4)  
God has spoken His ultimate word through the exalted Son of God, who as High Priest has atoned for our sins and as king awaits His full inheritance.
- II. **SUPERIOR PERSON:** The New Covenant (with Jesus as God's Son/High Priest) is absolutely superior to the Old Covenant (1:5–7:28)
  - A. The Son is superior to the angels who mediated the Old Covenant revelation (1:5–2:18)
  - B. The Son is superior to Moses through whom the Old Covenant came, and has a superior task to Joshua as the leader to God's greater "rest" (3:1–5:10)
  - C. The Son (as High Priest) has a superior ministry to those of the Levitical priestly ministry (5:11–7:28)
- III. **SUPERIOR MINISTRY:** The New Covenant is superior, because a *new covenant* based on a better sacrifice for sins was anticipated under the Old Covenant (8:1–10:39)
  - A. Under the Old Covenant dispensation, God foretold the coming of a New Covenant that would include the forgiveness of sins (8:1-13)
  - B. The New Covenant brings a better sacrifice for sins, because it is based on the shedding of Christ's own blood for presentation in the heavenly temple (9:1-28)
  - C. The adequacy of Christ's sacrifice for eternal forgiveness is contrasted to the inefficacy of the sacrifices under the Law (10:1-18)
  - D. In light of the superior sacrifice for sins of the New Covenant, believers must faithfully endure in their allegiance and service to Jesus Christ (10:19-39)
- IV. **THE MEANS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NEW COVENANT LIFE:** The appropriate way to respond to Christ and the superior New Covenant is to live a life of faith, endure God's discipline, and render spiritual sacrifices that reflect our love and submission to God (11:1–13:17)
  - A. Since believers are now participants of the superior New Covenant, they can persevere and please God through a life of faith (11:1-40)
  - B. Since believers are now participants of the superior New Covenant, they can persevere by submitting to God's discipline (12:1-13)
  - C. Believers are warned how important it is to be faithful as participants of the New Covenant (12:14-29).
  - D. Believers should be faithful to offer up spiritual "sacrifices" appropriate for the New Covenant—those which reflect our love and submission to God (13:1-17)
- V. **Epilogue** (13:18-25)  
A prayer and benediction are provided, which are appropriate for a 'word of exhortation.'