

HEBREWS

God Has Spoken To Us Through Not a Prophet, But a Son

1:1 God, having spoken long-ago in-many-portions and in-many-ways to the fathers by the prophets, ²spoke to us at the last of these days by a Son, Whom He appointed inheritor of all things, through Whom also He made the worlds,

The Son Sat Down At God's Right Hand, Having Become Better Than Angels

³...Who— being the radiance of His glory and exact-representation of His essence, and upholding all things by the word of His power— having made purification of sins, sat-down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become so-much better than the angels by-as-much-as He has inherited a more-excellent name than they.

For God Commands The Angels To Worship His Son

⁵For to which of the angels did He ever say “**You** are my Son. Today **I** have fathered you”? [Ps 2:7]; and again, “**I** will be a father to Him, and **He** will be a son to Me”? [1 Chron 17:13]. ⁶And again, when He brings the Firstborn into the world He says [in Deut 32:43] “And let all the angels of God give-worship to Him”.

And God Says His Son Will Rule Forever Over What He Created

⁷And with regard to the angels He says [in Ps 104:4] “The *One* making His angels winds and His ministers a flame of fire”. ⁸But with regard to the Son *He* says:

“Your throne, God, is forever and ever. And the scepter of straightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. ⁹You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. For this reason God, your God, anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions” [Ps 45:6-7].

¹⁰And, “**You**, Lord, laid-the-foundation-of the earth at the beginnings, and the heavens are works of Your hands. ¹¹**They** will perish, but **You** continue. Indeed they will all become-old like a garment, ¹²and You will roll them up as-if a cloak. They will indeed be changed like a garment. But **You** are the same, and Your years will not end” [Ps 102:25-27].

And God Will Make His Son's Enemies His Footstool

¹³And with regard to which of the angels has He ever said “Be sitting on My right side until I put Your enemies as a footstool of Your feet”? [Ps 110:1]. ¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits being sent-forth for service for the sake of the ones going to inherit salvation?

Therefore We Must Pay More Attention To What God Said Through His Son

2:1 For this reason, we must pay more attention to the things having been heard, that we may not-ever drift-away. ²For if the word having been spoken through angels proved-to-be firm, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, ³how shall we escape, having neglected so great a salvation?— which, having begun to be spoken by the Lord, was confirmed to us by the ones having heard, ⁴God testifying-with both signs and wonders and various miracles and distributions of the Holy Spirit according to His will.

For The Coming World Is Subject To Jesus, Who Tasted Death For All And Was Crowned

⁵For He did not subject to angels the coming world concerning which we are speaking. ⁶But one solemnly-testified somewhere saying, “What is man that You remember him, or the son of man that You look-after him? ⁷You made him lower than angels for a little while. You crowned him with glory and honor. ⁸You subjected all things under his feet” [Ps 8:4-6]. For in the subjecting all things to him, He left nothing not-subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things having been subjected to him. ⁹But we see the *One* having been made lower than angels for a little while— Jesus— having been crowned with glory and honor because-of the suffering of the death, so-that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

For It Was Fitting For God To Perfect The Author of Salvation Through Sufferings

¹⁰For it was fitting for Him for-the-sake-of Whom are all things and through Whom are all things, that in bringing many sons to glory He should perfect the Author of their salvation through sufferings. ¹¹For both the *One* making-holy and the ones being made holy are all from one Father, for which reason He is not ashamed to be calling them brothers, ¹²saying “I will declare Your name to My brothers. I will sing-praise to You in the midst of the congregation” [Ps 22:22]; ¹³and again [in Isa 8:17], “I will be trusting in Him”; and again [in Isa 8:18], “Behold— I and the children whom God gave to Me”.

So The Son Took On Mortal Flesh And Died To Release Us From The Power of Death

¹⁴Therefore, since the children have shared of blood and flesh, He Himself also similarly partook of the same things in order

that through death He might do-away-with the *one* having the power of death (that is, the devil), ¹⁵and release these: all-who *by the fear of death* were subject-to slavery through all *their* living. ¹⁶For He surely does not take-hold-of angels, but He takes hold of *the seed of Abraham*.

He Had To Become Like Us In All Things In Order To Become a Merciful High Priest

¹⁷Hence, He had-to become-like *His* brothers in all *things* in order that He might become a **merciful** and faithful High Priest *in the things* pertaining to God, so as to make-an-offering-for-satisfaction [of God's wrath] *as to the sins of the people*. ¹⁸For having Himself been tempted in what He has suffered, He is able to help the *ones* being tempted.

So Consider Jesus As Faithful, Like Moses. But He Is Worthy of More Glory Than Moses

3:1 Hence holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession— Jesus— ²as being faithful to the *One* having appointed Him, as also *was* Moses in His whole house. ³For this *One* has been considered-worthy of **more** glory than Moses— to the degree that the *One* having built *the house* has more honor *than* the house.

For Moses Was Faithful As a Servant, But Christ Was Faithful As a Son

⁴For every house is built by someone, but the *One* having built all *things* is God. ⁵And **Moses** *was* faithful in His whole house as a servant, for a testimony of the *things* which will be spoken. ⁶But Christ *was* faithful as a Son over His house, whose house **we** are, if-indeed we hold-on-to *our* confidence and *our* boast of the hope.

Therefore Do Not Harden Your Hearts As Israel Once Did

⁷Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says [in Ps 95:7-11]: “Today, if you hear His voice, ⁸do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion during the day of testing in the wilderness, ⁹where your fathers tested *Me* with a trial and saw My works ¹⁰for forty years. Therefore I was-angry *with* this generation and said, ‘They are always going-astray *in* the heart, and **they** did not know My ways’. ¹¹As I swore in My wrath, they will *never* enter into My rest”.

Watch Out For an Evil Heart of Unbelief As Long As It Is Called “Today”

¹²Be watching-out, brothers, so that there will not-ever be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from *the* living God. ¹³But be exhorting yourselves each day, as long as it is called “Today”, in order that none of you may be hardened *by the* deceitfulness of sin.

For We Are Partakers of Christ If We Hold On Until The End

¹⁴For we have become partakers of Christ if-indeed we hold-on-to the beginning of *our* assurance firm until *the* end— ¹⁵in *that* it is said [in Ps 95:7-8]: “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion”.

For Israel Did Not Enter God's Rest Because of Unbelief

¹⁶For who having heard rebelled? But *was it* not all the *ones* having come out of Egypt through Moses? ¹⁷And *with* whom was He angry *for* forty years? *Was it* not *with* the *ones* having sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And *to* whom did He swear *that they* will not enter into His rest, except *to* the *ones* having disobeyed? ¹⁹And we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

Fear Falling Short of Entering God's Promised Rest

4:1 Therefore, let us fear that at any time while a promise to enter into His rest *is* left-remaining [open], any of you should seem to have come-short— ²for indeed, we have had-good-news-announced, just as those also.

In Moses' Day, Only Those Who Believed Entered The Promised Physical Rest

But the word of hearing did not profit those *ones*, *they* not having been united *in* faith *with* the *ones* having heard. ³For we, the *ones* having believed, enter into the rest, just as He has said: “As I swore in My wrath, they shall *never* enter into My rest” [Ps 95:11].

And Yet God's Rest Began On The Seventh Day, Not In Moses' Day

And-yet, *His* works have been done since *the* foundation of *the* world. ⁴For He has spoken somewhere about the seventh day as follows: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works” [Gen 2:2], ⁵and in this [Ps 95:11] again: “They shall *never* enter into My rest”.

And David Still Calls Us To Enter God's Rest “Today”

⁶Since then it remains *that* some *may* enter into it, and the *ones* formerly having had-good-news-announced *to them* did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷He again designates a certain day— “Today”— saying by David after so much time just as it has been said-before: “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts” [Ps 95:7-8]. ⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not be speaking after these *things* about **another** day.

So God's Spiritual Rest Remains Open For Us To Enter

⁹Therefore a Sabbath-rest remains for the people of God. ¹⁰For the *one* having entered into His rest also himself rested from his works, just as God *did* from *His* own.

Be Diligent To Enter His Rest, For God Knows Your Heart

¹¹Therefore, let us be diligent to enter into that rest, in order that no one may fall in the same example of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, and piercing as-far-as *the* division of soul and spirit, and joints and marrows, and able-to-judge *the* thoughts and intentions of *the* heart. ¹³And there is no creation hidden in His sight, but all *things* are naked and having been laid-open to His eyes to Whom the account *will be given* by us.

Jesus The Son of God Is Our Great High Priest

¹⁴Therefore, having a great High Priest having gone through the heavens— Jesus, the Son of God— let us be holding-on-to the confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest not being able to sympathize-with our weaknesses, but *One* having been tempted in all *things* in accordance with *our* likeness, without sin. ¹⁶So let us be approaching the throne of grace with confidence, in order that we may receive mercy and find grace for well-timed help.

High Priests Are Called By God From Among Men To Offer Sacrifices For Sins

5:1 For every high priest being taken from-*among* men is appointed for people in the *things* pertaining to God, in order that he might offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins— ²being able to deal-gently with the *ones* being ignorant and going-*astray* since he himself is also surrounded with weakness. ³And because of it, he is obligated to be offering *sacrifices* for sins— just as for the people, so also for himself. ⁴And one does not take the honor to himself, but *receives it* being called by God, just as also Aaron.

So Also Jesus Was Made High Priest By God

⁵So also, Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but the *One* having said to Him [in Ps 2:7] “**You** are My Son. Today **I** have fathered You” *did*, ⁶just as also in another *place* He says “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek” [Ps 110:4],

Although Being a Son, He Learned Obedience From His Sufferings

⁷... Who, in the days of His flesh having offered both petitions and supplications with a strong outcry and tears to the *One* being able to save Him from death, and having been heard because of *His* reverence, ⁸although being a Son, learned obedience from *the things* which He suffered.

And Jesus Became The Cause of Salvation, As High Priest In The Order of Melchizedek

⁹And having been perfected, He became *the* cause of eternal salvation to all the *ones* obeying Him, ¹⁰having been designated by God as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek—

This Is Hard To Explain To You

¹¹... concerning whom our message-to-speak is great and hard-to-interpret so as to speak, since you have become sluggish in the hearing.

For You Are Still Immature In The Word

¹²For indeed, [although] being obligated to be teachers because of the time, you again have a need that someone be teaching you the elements of the beginning concerning the oracles of God. And you have become *ones* having a need of milk and not of solid food. ¹³For everyone partaking of milk is inexperienced in the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. ¹⁴But the solid food is for the mature— the *ones* because of habit having *their* faculties trained for discernment of both good and evil.

So Let Us Move Along Toward Maturity

6:1 Therefore, having left the message of the beginning concerning Christ, let us be carried-along to maturity— not again laying-down a foundation of repentance from dead works and faith toward God, ²of instruction about cleansings and laying-on of hands, and about the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

And We Will Do This As God Permits, For It Is Impossible For Us To Help Some

³And this we will do if-indeed God permits. ⁴For it is impossible to renew again to repentance the *ones* having once been enlightened and having tasted the heavenly gift, and having been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵and having tasted the good word of God and the powers of the coming age, ⁶and having fallen-away— crucifying-again for themselves the Son of God, and publicly-disgracing Him. ⁷For land having drunk the rain coming often upon it, and producing a plant useful to those for whose sake it is also farmed, receives a blessing from God. ⁸But land bringing-forth thorns and thistles is disapproved and near a curse, whose end is for burning.

But As For You, Beloved, Diligently Imitate The Inheritors of The Promises

⁹But concerning you, beloved, we are **convinced-of** better *things*, and *things* having salvation— even though we are speaking in this manner. ¹⁰For God *is* not unjust *so as* to forget your work and the love which you demonstrated for His name, having served the saints and [still] serving. ¹¹But we desire *that* each of you be demonstrating the **same** diligence toward the full-assurance of hope until *the* end, ¹²in order that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of the *ones* inheriting the promises through faith and patience.

For Abraham Waited Patiently And Obtained The Promise

¹³For God, having promised to Abraham, swore by Himself— since He had by no one greater to swear— ¹⁴saying [in Gen 22:17]: “Surely while blessing I will bless you, and while multiplying I will multiply you”. ¹⁵And so, having waited-patiently, he obtained the promise.

God Even Guaranteed His Promise To Encourage Those Waiting For It

¹⁶For people swear by the greater *one*. And for them the oath for confirmation *is the* end of every dispute, ¹⁷by which *custom* God, intending even more to show the unchangeableness of His intention to the heirs of the promise, guaranteed with an oath, ¹⁸in order that by two unchangeable things in which *it is* impossible for God to lie, we—the *ones* having fled to take-hold-of the hope being set-before *us*— may have strong encouragement, ¹⁹which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both secure and firm and entering into the inner *side* of the curtain, ²⁰where a forerunner for us went in— Jesus— having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Now Observe How Great This Melchizedek Is

7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most-High God, **remains a priest perpetually**— the *one* having met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and having blessed him; ²to whom also Abraham divided a tenth from everything; *who is* first ([his name] being translated), king of righteousness; and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace; ³fatherless, motherless, genealogy-less, having neither a beginning of days nor an end of life, but having been made-like the Son of God. ⁴Now observe how great this *one is* to whom indeed Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth from the choicest-spoils:

He Is Greater Than Abraham

⁵Indeed, the *ones* from the sons of Levi receiving the priestly-office have a commandment to be collecting-a-tenth-from the people according to the Law (that is, from their brothers, even though *their brothers* have come-out of the loins of Abraham)— ⁶yet the *one* not tracing-his-genealogy from them has collected-a-tenth from Abraham, and has blessed the *one* having the promises! ⁷And apart from all dispute, the lesser *one* is blessed by the better *one*.

He Is Living As a Priest Perpetually

⁸And here, dying men receive *the* tenths— yet there, *it is* being attested that he is living!

He Is Greater Than Levi And His Priesthood

⁹And so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, the *one* receiving *the* tenths, has paid-a-tenth. ¹⁰For he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him!

Now Why Did Another Priesthood Need To Arise After Aaron?

¹¹Now indeed, if perfection had been through the Levitical priesthood (for the [Jewish] people have received-the-Law on the basis of it) what further need *would there have been* that another priest *should* arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be named according to the order of Aaron?

For This New Priesthood Also Brings a Change of Law

¹²For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of law.

For Its High Priest Is From The Tribe of Judah

¹³For *the One* about Whom these *things* are spoken has partaken of another tribe from which no one has attended-to the altar. ¹⁴For *it is* clear that our Lord has risen from Judah— for which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

And He Became High Priest Based On His Indestructible Life

¹⁵And it is still even-more very-clear if Another Priest arises in accordance with the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶Who has become *such* not based-on *the* law of a fleshy commandment, but based on *the* power of an indestructible life!

¹⁷For it is attested that “You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek” [Ps 110:4].

The New Sets Aside The Old And Brings In a Better Hope

¹⁸For a setting-aside of the preceding commandment takes place because of its weakness and unprofitableness ¹⁹(for the Law perfected nothing)— and a bringing-in of a better hope through which we draw-near to God.

Jesus Is a Better Priest Because His Priesthood Is Based On God's Oath

²⁰And to the degree that *it was* not without an oath-swearing (for the *ones* have become priests without an oath-swearing, ²¹but the *One* with an oath-swearing, through the *One* saying to Him [in Ps 110:4]: “The Lord swore and He will not change-His-mind, You *are* a priest forever”)— ²²to that degree also **Jesus** has become *the* guarantee of a better covenant.

Jesus Serves As High Priest Forever

²³And the many have been [Levitical] priests because of *their* being prevented from continuing *by* death— ²⁴but the *One*, because of His remaining forever, has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵Hence also, He is able to save completely the *ones* coming-to God through Him, always living so as to intercede for them.

God's Son Perfected Forever Is a Fitting High Priest For Us

²⁶For such a High Priest was indeed fitting for us— holy, innocent, undefiled, having been separated from sinners, and having become higher *than* the heavens— ²⁷Who does not have *the* daily necessity (as indeed the high priests) to be offering sacrifices first for *His* own sins, then the *sins* of the people. For He did this once-for-all, having offered Himself. ²⁸For the Law appoints men having weakness *as* high priests, but the word of the oath-swearing after the Law *appoints* a Son having been perfected forever.

Jesus Is Our High Priest In The True Heavenly Temple

8:1 Now *the* main-point in the *things* being said *is*: we have such a High Priest, Who sat-down at *the* right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ²Minister of the Holies, indeed of the true tabernacle (which the Lord pitched, not a human).

Earthly Priests Serve In a Copy And Shadow of The Heavenly Things

³For every high priest is appointed that *he might* be offering both gifts and sacrifices. Hence *it is* necessary that this *One* also have something which He may offer. ⁴Now indeed, if He were on earth He would not even be a priest— *there* being the *ones* offering the gifts according-to the Law, ⁵who are serving a copy and a shadow of the heavenly *things*, just as Moses has been warned, being about to complete the tabernacle: for “See”, He says [in Ex 25:40], “*that* you make everything according to the pattern having been shown to you on the mountain”.

But Jesus Has a Better Ministry As Mediator of a Better Covenant With Better Promises

⁶But He has now obtained a **more-excellent** ministry, *by* as much as He is indeed *the* mediator of a **better** covenant, which has been enacted on better promises!

For God Promised a New Covenant

⁷For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, no place would have been sought for a second. ⁸For, finding-fault-with them, He says [in Jer 31:31-34]: “Behold— days are coming, says *the* Lord, and I will consummate a new covenant for the house of Israel and for the house of Judah; ⁹not in accordance with the covenant which I made *with* their fathers on *the* day I took-hold-of their hand to lead them out of *the* land of Egypt, because **they** did not continue in My covenant, and **I** did not-care-for them, says *the* Lord. ¹⁰Because this *is* the covenant which I will covenant *with* the house of Israel after those days, says *the* Lord: Giving My laws into their mind, I will also write them upon their heart. And I will be God *to* them and **they** will be a people *to* Me. ¹¹And they will by no means each teach his *fellow*-citizen and each his brother, saying ‘Know the Lord’, because they all will know Me from *the* small *one* up to their great *one*. ¹²Because I will be merciful *to* their wrong-doings, and I will never remember their sins again”.

God Has Thus Made The First Covenant Old

¹³In *that* He says “New”, He has made the first old. And the *thing* becoming old and growing-aged *is* near disappearance.

The First Covenant Allowed Entrance Into The Holy of Holies Once a Year

9:1 Now indeed, the first *covenant* also had regulations of service and the earthly Holy Place. ²For the first tabernacle was prepared— in which *were* both the lampstand and the table, and the Presentation of the bread— which is called *the* Holies. ³And behind the second curtain *was* *the* tabernacle being called *the* Holies of Holies, ⁴having a golden altar-of-incense, and the ark of the covenant having been covered on-all-sides *with* gold, in which *was* a golden jar having the manna and the rod of Aaron having budded and the tablets of the covenant, ⁵and above it *were* *the* cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat— concerning which *things* there is not *time* now to be speaking in detail. ⁶And these *things* thus having been prepared, the priests accomplishing the services are continually going into the first tabernacle. ⁷But into the second only the high priest *goes* once a year, not without blood, which he offers for himself and the ignorances of the people—

God Was Making Clear That The Way Into The Holies Was Not Yet Revealed

⁸... the Holy Spirit making this clear: *that* the way of the Holies has not yet been made-known while the first tabernacle *was* still having a standing, ⁹which *is* a symbol for the present time, according to which both gifts and sacrifices are offered not being able to perfect the *one* worshiping in relation to *the* conscience, ¹⁰*being* only (in-addition-to foods and drinks and different cleansings) regulations of flesh being imposed until *the* time of reformation.

But Christ Entered The True Holy of Holies Once For All And Obtained Redemption

¹¹But Christ, having arrived *as* High Priest of the good *things* having come, **entered once-for-all into the Holies** through the greater and more-perfect tabernacle not made-by-*human-hands*— that is, not of this creation; ¹²and not through *the* blood of goats and calves, but through *His* own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

For Through The Spirit He Offered Himself Without Blemish To God

¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls and *the* ashes of a heifer sprinkling the *ones* having been defiled sanctifies for the cleansing of the flesh, ¹⁴by how much more will the blood of Christ, Who through *the* eternal Spirit offered Himself without-blemish to God, cleanse our conscience from dead works so that *we may* worship *the* living God!

Thus Christ Mediates a New Covenant Inaugurated By His Own Blood

¹⁵And for this reason He is *the* mediator of a new covenant, so that the *ones* having been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance— a death having taken-place for *the* redemption from the transgressions *committed* under the first covenant. ¹⁶For where *there is* a will, *it is* a necessity that *the* death of the *one* having made-the-will be brought-forth. ¹⁷For a will over dead *ones* is firm, since it does not ever have [legal] power when the *one* having made-the-will is living. ¹⁸Hence, not even the first *covenant* has been inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹For every commandment having been spoken to all the people by Moses according-to the Law— having taken the blood of the calves and the goats along with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, he sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰saying “This *is* the blood of the covenant which God commanded to you” [Ex 24:8]. ²¹And he likewise sprinkled *with* the blood both the tabernacle and all the objects of the ministry. ²²Indeed according-to the Law almost everything is cleansed with blood, and forgiveness does not take-place apart-from blood-shedding. ²³Therefore *it was* a necessity that the copies of *the things* in the heavens be cleansed *with* these *things*— but the heavenly *things* themselves *with* better sacrifices than these.

He Entered The Heavenly Temple

²⁴For Christ did not enter into *the* Holies made-by-*human-hands*— copies of the true *things*— but into heaven itself, now to appear *in* the presence of God for us.

He Offered Himself Once For All As a Sacrifice To Set Aside Sin

²⁵Nor *did* He enter in order that He might offer Himself often— as indeed the high priest enters into the Holies yearly with *the* blood belonging-to-another— ²⁶otherwise He *would* had-to-have suffered often since *the* foundation of *the* world. But now He has appeared once-for-all at *the* conclusion of *the* ages for *the* setting-aside of sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

He Will Appear To Us a Second Time For Salvation

²⁷And just as it is destined for people to die once and after this *comes* *the* judgment, ²⁸so also Christ, having been offered once so as to bear *the* sins of many, will appear for a second time without *reference* to sin to the *ones* eagerly-awaiting Him, for salvation.

For The Law Could Never Take Away Sins, So Jesus Came To Offer His Body

10:1 For the Law— having a shadow of the coming good *things*, not the very image of the things— is never able to perfect the *ones* approaching yearly *with* the same sacrifices which they offer perpetually. ²Otherwise would they not have ceased being offered, because of the *ones* worshiping no longer having a consciousness of sins, having been cleansed once-for-all? ³But in them *there is* a yearly reminder of sins. ⁴For *it is* impossible for *the* blood of bulls and goats to take-away sins. ⁵Therefore, while entering into the world, He says [in Ps 40:6-8]: “You did not desire sacrifice and offering, but You prepared a body for Me. ⁶You were not well-pleased *with* whole-burnt-offerings and *offerings* for sin. ⁷Then I said, Behold, I have come— in *the* roll of a book it has been written about Me—that *I might* do Your will, God”.

Thus God Has Done Away With Animal Offerings And Established Christ's

⁸Saying above that “You did not desire nor were You well-pleased *with* sacrifices and offerings and whole-burnt-offerings and *offerings* for sin” (which are being offered according-to *the* Law!), ⁹then He has said, “Behold, I have come *that I might* do Your will”— He does-away-with the first in-order-that He might establish the second,

And By God's Will We Are Made Holy By The Offering of Christ's Body

¹⁰... by which will we have been made-holy through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once-for-all.

The Priests Offer Sacrifices Daily, But Jesus Offered One Sacrifice For All

¹¹And every priest stands ministering daily and offering often the same sacrifices which are never able to take-away sins—
¹²but this *One*, having offered **one** sacrifice for sins for all time, sat-down at the right hand of God, ¹³henceforth waiting until His enemies are put as a footstool of His feet.

For By One Offering Jesus Perfected Us For All Time

¹⁴For by one offering He has perfected for all time the *ones* being made-holy.

The New Covenant Says That God Will Never Remember Our Sins Again

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after the *statement* [in Jer 31:33] having said ¹⁶“This is the covenant which I will covenant with them after those days, says the Lord: Giving My laws upon their hearts, I will also write them upon their mind”, ¹⁷then He says “And I will never remember their sins and their lawless-deeds again”.

God's Permanent Forgiveness Makes Further Offerings For Sin Unnecessary

¹⁸Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer an offering for sin!

Therefore Let Us Approach God In Full Assurance of Faith And Hold On Without Wavering

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, having confidence for the entering of the Holies by the blood of Jesus— ²⁰which fresh and living way He inaugurated for us through the curtain, that is, His flesh— ²¹and having a great Priest over the house of God, ²²let us be approaching God with a true heart in full-assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and having our body washed with clean water. ²³Let us be holding-on-to the confession of our hope without-wavering, for the *One* having promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us be considering one another for the provoking of love and good works, ²⁵not forsaking the gathering-together of ourselves as is a habit with some, but exhorting one another, and so-much more by-as-much-as you see the day drawing-near.

To Now Do Otherwise Is To Trample Underfoot The Son of God

²⁶For while we are willfully sinning after the receiving of the knowledge of the truth, a sacrifice no longer remains for sins, ²⁷but some fearful expectation of judgment and a zeal of fire going to consume the adversaries. ²⁸Anyone having set-aside the Law of Moses dies without compassions upon the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹For how much worse punishment do you think he will be considered-worthy— the one having trampled-underfoot the Son of God, and having regarded as defiled the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and having insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰For we know the *One* having said [in Deut 32:35]: “Vengeance is for Me, I will repay”; and again [in Deut 32:36]: “The Lord will judge His people”. ³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

You Need To Endure By Faith Until You Receive The Promises

³²Now remember the former days during which, having been enlightened, you endured a great struggle of sufferings— ³³on this hand being made-a-spectacle by both reproaches and afflictions, and on this hand having become partners of the ones living in this manner. ³⁴For indeed you sympathized-with the prisoners, and you accepted with joy the plundering of your possessions, knowing that yourselves have a better and abiding possession. ³⁵So do not throw-away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, in order that having done the will of God, you might receive the promise. ³⁷For yet in a very little while, “the *One* coming will come and will not delay. ³⁸But My righteous one will live by faith. And if he draws-back, My soul is not well-pleased with him” [Hab 2:3-4]. ³⁹But we are not of a drawing-back resulting-in destruction, but of a faith resulting in the preserving of the soul.

The Saints Have Always Endured By Faith

11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things being hoped-for, the conviction of things not being seen. ²For in this the elders were attested.

The Early Times

³By faith we understand that the worlds have been prepared by the word of God, so that the thing being seen has not come-into-being from things being visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a greater sacrifice than Cain, through which he was attested to be righteous— God testifying about his gifts. And through it, [although] having died, he is still speaking. ⁵By faith Enoch was removed, so as not to see death: “And he was not found because God removed him” [Gen 5:24]. For before the removal, he has been attested to have pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please Him. For the one coming-to God must believe that He is, and He becomes the rewarder to the ones seeking Him out. ⁷By faith Noah, having been warned about the things not yet being seen, having been reverent, prepared the ark for the salvation of his household, through which he condemned the world and became an inheritor of the righteousness according-to faith.

The Time of The Patriarchs

⁸By faith Abraham, being called, obeyed to go out to a place which he was going-to receive for an inheritance. And he went out not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed in the land of the promise as a land belonging-to-another, having dwelled in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the fellow-heirs of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was waiting-for the city having foundations, of which God is designer and maker. ¹¹By faith—and Sarah herself being barren—he received power for the foundation of a seed even beyond the time of mature-age, since he regarded the One having promised to be faithful. ¹²Therefore indeed from one man—and he having become impotent as to these things—were born seed as the stars of heaven in number, and countless as the sand by the shore of the sea. ¹³In accordance with faith, these all died not having received the promises, but having seen them from a distance, and having greeted them, and having confessed that they are strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴For the ones saying such things are making-clear that they are seeking-for a homeland. ¹⁵And if they had been remembering that homeland from which they came out, they would have had opportunity to return—¹⁶but as-it-is, they are aspiring-to a better homeland; that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed-of them, to be called their God. For He prepared a city for them. ¹⁷By faith Abraham has offered Isaac while being tested. And the one having received the promises was offering his only-born, ¹⁸with-regard-to whom it was said [in Gen 21:12] that “In Isaac a seed will be called for you”, ¹⁹having considered that God was able to raise him even from the dead, from-which he also received him back in a symbol. ²⁰By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau even concerning coming things. ²¹By faith Jacob, while dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph and “worshiped [leaning] on the top of his staff” [Gen 47:31]. ²²By faith Joseph, while coming-to-an-end, mentioned concerning the departure of the sons of Israel and gave-commands concerning his bones.

The Time of The Exodus

²³By faith Moses, having been born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw the child was beautiful and did not fear the edict of the king. ²⁴By faith Moses, having become great, refused to be called son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵having chosen rather to be mistreated-with the people of God than to be having a temporary enjoyment of sin, ²⁶having regarded the reproach of the Christ to be greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. For he was looking-away to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not having feared the fury of the king. For he persevered as seeing the invisible One. ²⁸By faith he has performed the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood in order that the one destroying the firstborns might not touch them. ²⁹By faith they crossed the Red Sea as through dry land—of which having taken the test, the Egyptians were swallowed-up. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell, having been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish-with the ones having disobeyed, having welcomed the spies with peace.

What More Shall I Say?

³²And what more may I say? For time will fail me while telling about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, both David and Samuel, and the prophets, ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, were strengthened from weakness, became mighty in battle, put-to-flight armies of foreigners. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection— but others were tortured, not accepting redemption, in order that they might obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶And others received a trial of mockings and whippings, and furthermore of bonds and prison. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn-in-two, they died by murder of the sword. They went-around in sheepskins, in skins of-goats, being in-need, being afflicted, being mistreated— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering in desolate-places and mountains and caves and openings of the earth.

They Did Not Receive The Promise, For God Had a Better Promise For Us

³⁹And these all, having been attested through their faith, did not receive the promise— ⁴⁰God having provided something better for us, in order that they should not be perfected apart from us.

So Run Your Race With Endurance, Looking To Jesus

12:1 So-therefore we also, having so large a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, having laid-aside every weight and the easily-entangling sin, let us be running the race being set-before us with endurance ²while looking-away toward the author and perfecter of the faith— Jesus— Who endured a cross for the joy being set-before Him, having disregarded the shame, and has sat-down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider His Endurance

³For consider the One having endured such opposition by sinners against Himself, in order that you may not be weary in your souls, losing-heart— ⁴you did not yet resist to the point of blood while struggling against sin!

And Have You Forgotten That God Disciplines Those He Loves?

⁵And have you completely-forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as sons?: “My son, do not be thinking-lightly of the discipline of the Lord, nor losing-heart while being rebuked by Him. ⁶For the one whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He whips every son whom He accepts” [Prov 3:11-12].

God Is Dealing With You As Sons

⁷You are enduring [your trials] for discipline; God is dealing *with* you as *with* sons. For what son *is there* whom *his* father does not discipline? ⁸But if you are without discipline, *of* which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate *children* and not sons.

And God Is Disciplining You For Your Benefit

⁹Furthermore, we had fathers *of* our flesh as discipliners and were respecting *them*— but shall we not much more be subject *to* the Father *of* [our] spirits and live? ¹⁰For the *ones* were disciplining *us* for a few days according to the *thing* seeming good *to* them; but the *One* *does so* for *our* benefit, so that *we may* share-in His holiness.

And His Discipline Will Yield The Fruit of Righteousness

¹¹And all discipline for the present does not seem to be a *thing of* joy, but *of* grief— but later it yields *the* peaceful fruit of righteousness *to* the *ones* having been trained by it.

Therefore Straighten Up And Walk Straight Paths

¹²Therefore straighten-up the hands having been slackened and the knees having been made-feeble, ¹³and be making straight paths *for* your feet, in order that the lame *part* may not be dislocated but rather may be healed.

Pursue Peace And Holiness

¹⁴Be pursuing peace with all *people*, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord, ¹⁵while exercising-oversight *that* someone *may not be* coming-short of the grace of God; *that* some root of bitterness growing up may not be causing-trouble and many be defiled by it; ¹⁶*that* someone *may not be* sexually-immoral or profane like Esau, who sold his *own* firstborn-rights for one meal. ¹⁷For you know that indeed afterward, while wanting to inherit the blessing, he was rejected— for he did not find a place *of* repentance— even-though having sought-for it with tears.

For You Have Come To The City of God, The Heavenly Jerusalem

¹⁸For you have not come-to a *mountain* being touched, and a fire having been burning, and darkness and gloom and a storm, ¹⁹and a blast of a trumpet, and a sound of words— *of* which, the *ones* having heard begged *that* a word not be added *to* them. ²⁰For they were not bearing the *thing* being commanded: “If even a wild-animal should touch the mountain, it shall be stoned” [Ex 19:12-13]. ²¹And so fearful was the *thing* appearing, Moses said “I am terrified and trembling”. ²²But you have come to Mount Zion; and *the city of* the living God, *the* heavenly Jerusalem; and *the* myriads of angels, a festive-gathering; ²³and *the church of* the firstborn *ones* having been registered in *the* heavens; and *the* Judge, God of all; and *the* spirits of righteous *ones* having been perfected; ²⁴and *the* mediator of *the* new covenant, Jesus; and *the* blood of sprinkling speaking better than Abel.

Do Not Refuse The One Warning From Heaven, But Worship Him With Gratitude

²⁵Be watching-out *that* you not refuse the *One* speaking. For if those did not escape, having refused the *One* warning on earth, much more we *will not escape*: the *ones* turning-away-from the *One* warning from *the* heavens— ²⁶Whose voice shook the earth at that time, but now He has promised, saying [in Hag 2:6] “I will shake once more not only the earth, but also the heaven”. ²⁷And the *phrase* “once more” indicates the removal *of* the *things* being shaken— as *of* *things* having been made— so that the *things* not being shaken may continue. ²⁸Therefore while receiving *an* unshakable kingdom, let us have gratitude, through which we may worship God pleasingly, with reverence and awe. ²⁹For indeed our God *is* a consuming fire.

Be Loving, Pure, and Content

13:1 Let brotherly-love continue. ²Do not be forgetting hospitality, for through this some having entertained angels did not know *it*. ³Remember the prisoners, as-*though* having been imprisoned-with *them*; the *ones* being mistreated, as-*though* also yourselves being in *their* body. ⁴Let marriage be honored by all, and the bed undefiled. For God will judge *the* sexually-immoral-*ones* and adulterers. ⁵Let character be without-love-of-money, being content *with* the present *things*. For He Himself has said [in Deut 31:6] “I will never let you go, nor will I by any means forsake you”, ⁶so that while being confident we say “*The* Lord *is* a helper *for* me and I will not fear. What will a human do *to* me?” [Ps 118:6].

Imitate The Faith of Your Leaders. Do Not Be Carried Away By Strange Teachings

⁷Remember the *ones* leading you, who spoke the word of God *to* you, whose faith be imitating while looking-carefully-at the result *of* *their* way-of-life. ⁸Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be carried-away *by* various and strange teachings. For *it is* good *for* the heart to be established *by* grace, not *by* foods in-connection-with which the *ones* walking were not profited.

We Have a Spiritual Altar. Let Us Go Out And Offer Sacrifices of Praise

¹⁰We have *an* altar from which the *ones* serving *in* the tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹For *of* animals *from* which the blood is brought into the Holies by the high priest for sin— the bodies *of* these are burned-up outside *of* the camp. ¹²Therefore Jesus also, in order that He might make the people holy with *His* own blood, suffered outside *of* the gate. ¹³So-indeed, let us go-out to Him outside *of* the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴For here we do not have *an* abiding city, but we are seeking-for the *one* coming. ¹⁵Therefore through Him let us be continually offering *a* sacrifice *of* praise *to* God— that is, *the* fruit *of* lips praising His name. ¹⁶And do not be forgetting good-doing and sharing. For *with* such sacrifices God is pleased.

Yield To Your Leaders

¹⁷Be obeying the *ones* leading you and be yielding, for **they** are keeping-watch for your souls as *ones* who will render *an* account— in order that they may be doing this with joy, and not while groaning, for this *would be* unprofitable *for* you.

Pray For Us

¹⁸Be praying for us. For we are persuaded that we have *a* good conscience, wanting to conduct-*ourselves* well in all *things*. ¹⁹And I especially appeal-to *you* to do this in order that I may be restored *to* you sooner.

May God Prepare You To Do His Will

²⁰Now may the God *of* peace— the *One* having brought-up from *the* dead the Great Shepherd *of* the sheep in-connection-with *the* blood *of* *the* eternal covenant, our Lord Jesus—²¹prepare you in every good *thing* so that *you may* do His will, while doing *in* us the pleasing *thing* in His sight through Jesus Christ, *to* Whom *be* the glory forever and ever, amen.

²²Now I exhort you, brothers, bear-with the word *of* exhortation. For indeed I wrote-to you with *a* few *words*. ²³Take-notice-of our brother Timothy having been released, with whom if he comes quicker, I will see you. ²⁴Greet all the *ones* leading you and all the saints. The *ones* from Italy greet you. ²⁵Grace *be* with you all.