

Analytical Outline of Hebrews

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1) Christ is the superior high priest of a superior new covenant. 1:1-10:18

- a) God has spoken and revealed himself through his son, who has completed our salvation. 1:1-4
- b) God's son is superior to angels in every way. 1:5-2:9
 - i) His son is superior to angels. 1:5-14
 - i) We must not neglect the message of salvation revealed by the son. 2:1-4
 - ii) In the coming world, all things will be subjected to God's son, Jesus. 2:5-9
- b) God's son took on flesh and blood so he could become a high priest for humans. 2:10-18
 - i) God's son was made perfect by suffering and is now the pioneer to bring all God's children into glory. 2:10-13
 - ii) God's son took on flesh and blood so as to become a high priest to save all God's children. 2:14-18
- c) Christ and his salvation is superior to Moses. 3:1-4:13
 - i) Jesus Christ is superior to Moses, as the builder of God's true house. 3:1-6
 - ii) Do not rebel by disobedience and unbelief of you will not enter God's rest. 3:7-19
 - iii) Obey God's message by faith and don't disobey so you will enter God's rest. 4:1-10
 - iv) Even our thoughts are not hidden from God's judgment, so let us strive to enter his rest. 4:11-13
- d) Jesus Christ introduced a new covenant with a superior priesthood. 4:14-10:18
 - i) As a human high priest, Christ is the source of salvation for all humans. 4:14-5:10
 - (1) Jesus our high priest can help us in our weaknesses. 4:14-16
 - (2) God appointed a high priest to act on behalf of humans. 5:1-4
 - (3) God has appointed Christ as our high priest. 5:5-6
 - (4) Being designated a high priest, Jesus is now the source of salvation for all people. 5:7-10
 - ii) You need to persevere in obeying this message since you are on the verge of falling away. 5:11-6:8
 - (1) You have become dull of hearing and need to be taught the first principles again. 5:11-14
 - (2) Let us go on to mature teaching concerning Christ. 6:1-3
 - (3) It is impossible to restore to repentance those who have fallen away. 6:4-8
 - (4) God will not overlook your work and love, but you need to persevere to inherit his promises. 6:4-8
 - iii) God's promise to preserve us is unchangeable, shown by our forerunner and high priest Jesus. 6:13-20
 - iv) Christ is an eternal priest, shown in the example of Melchizedek. 7:1-14
 - (1) Melchizedek is an unending high priest, like the Son of God. 7:1-3
 - (2) Melchizedek is superior to Abraham and the priesthood of Levi. 7:4-10
 - (3) Melchizedek superceded the Aaronic priesthood, and thus superceded the Law. 7:11-14
 - (4) By Christ coming as a priest like Melchizedek, the former commandment and priesthood is set aside and a better one introduced. 7:15-19
 - v) As the sinless, eternal high priest, Christ makes this covenant superior. 7:20-28
 - (1) Unlike the former covenant, this better covenant was sworn with an oath, with Jesus as the surety. 7:20-22

- (2) Christ holds his priesthood permanently since he does not die and is thus able to save those who come to God. 7:23-25
- (3) Christ is sinless and perfect, not like the priests from among men. 7:26-28
- vi) Christ is the high priest of a better covenant with better promises. 8:1-7
- vii) Christ's superior ministry enabled the new covenant to replace the old one. 8:8-10:18
 - (1) God made a new covenant with his people and did away with the old one. 8:8-13
 - (2) The old covenant had continuing regulations. 9:1-10
 - (a) The first covenant had regulations and an earthly sanctuary. 9:1-5
 - (b) The priest had to continually perform these rituals, only temporarily purifying the worshipers. 9:6-10
 - (3) The new covenant accomplished a permanent salvation. 9:11-10:18
 - (a) But Christ as the high priest of the better covenant performed purification once and for all. 9:11-14
 - (b) The new covenant was ratified by a death that redeems us from the transgressions of the first covenant. 9:15-22
 - (c) Christ entered into the heavens and put away sin once and for all. 9:23-28
 - (d) Unlike the weakness of the Law, Christ purified us from sin once and for all. 10:1-18
 - (i) The Law cannot purify people from their sins. 10:1-4
 - (ii) Christ performed God's will and thus put away sin once and for all. 10:5-10
 - (iii) Christ completed purification of sins and did away with the need for more offerings. 10:11-18

2) This new covenant should cause us to have faith and to endure. 10:19-12:29

- a) This completed salvation should cause boldness and endurance. 10:19-39
 - i) With this confidence, let us draw near to God and encourage one another, not wavering in our confession. 10:19-25
 - ii) Those with knowledge of this new covenant who deliberately sin are worthy of worse judgment by God. 10:26-31
 - iii) Just as they formerly endured persecution for their faith, they now need to endure in our faith. 10:32-39
- b) Let us live in faith in God's speaking, as did God's people of old. 11:1-12:29
 - i) Faith is the assurance of what we hope for. 11:1-3
 - ii) Men of old pleased God by having faith in him. 11:4-7
 - iii) The first Jewish forefathers lived by faith. 11:8-22
 - (1) By faith Abraham obeyed God and became the father of many nations. 11:8-12
 - (2) These forefathers died having faith, and thus entered into their heavenly promised land. 11:13-16
 - (3) Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all obeyed God by faith. 11:17-22
 - iv) Moses and the children of Israel lived by faith. 11:23-31
 - (1) Moses lived by faith and thus delivered God's people from bondage. 11:23-28
 - (2) By faith the children of Israel entered the Promised Land. 11:29-31
 - v) All the prophets lived by faith and were willing to suffer and die for it. 11:32-38

- vi) We finish what all these faithful people started by receiving God's ultimate promise. 11:39-40
 - vii) Let us persevere in the Christian life for the sake of these forerunners. 12:1-2
 - viii) Endure God's discipline and thus be perfected as the people of God. 12:3-29
 - (1) Like Christ, don't grow weary while experiencing God's perfecting discipline. 12:3-11
 - (2) Get out of your discouragement so you can be healed. 12:12-13
 - (3) Live in God's grace and holiness and be at peace with other people; don't be destroyed by bitterness. 12:14-17
 - (4) We must not refuse God's present speaking. 12:18-29
 - (a) We are in a new covenant with God, not like that old one causes fear. 12:18-24
 - (b) Don't refuse to listen to God's current speaking. 12:25-29
- 3) Live lives that are pleasing to God. 13:1-17**
- a) Love others and live proper lives before God in regard to marriage and finances. 13:1-6
 - b) Continue in the proper teachings and practice of your leaders. 13:7-16
 - c) Obey your leaders as those who have responsibility for your souls. 13:17
- 4) The writer asks for prayer and gives a final blessing and greeting. 13:18-25**
- a) Pray for me that I will be restored to you. 13:18-19
 - b) May God equip you to do his will in every good work. 13:20-21
 - c) I send final greetings and ask you to bear with this word of exhortation. 13:22-25