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**The Superior Christ in Hebrews**

Intro.: Some **F**undamental **I**ssues concerning Jesus.

**(A) The Issue to Jesus’ Disciples:**

(1) *He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?* Mt. 16:13

(2) *He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?* 16:14, 15

(3) *Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God*. 16:1

(4) *Jesus answered…thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church*; 16:17f 18

**(B) The Issue to the Jewish Pharisees:**

*What think ye of Christ? whose Son is He?* 22:42-45

*They said unto Him, The Son of David* cf. Psa. 110:1, 4 –

*The Lord said unto my Lord…If David, then, call him 'Lord,’ how is He his son?* (22:45)

**C) The Issue to the “Judaism-inclined Christians” and us:**

What do you think of Christ? **Hebrews**

To Judaism, **S**on of David

To Hinduism, A **D**eity, just like one of the thousands of deities they worship.

To Islam, A **P**rophet (Nabi Isa), but Mohamed is the last and greatest prophet.

To Buddhism, A **G**ood **M**an/Teacher just like Buddha, one of the religious leaders.

To the Hebrew Christians –

He was inferior to Abraham, Moses, Aaron, Joshua, David, etc. **B**ut Why?

(a) They could be **B**abes in Christ, never growing unto maturity. Cf. Heb. 5:11-14

(b) They could be **B**ehaving like Christians, but might not **B**e. Cf. Heb. 6:1-6

(c) Whoever they may **B**e, they should not regard Jesus as inferior. Cf. Heb. 6:9

 **A. The Final Search for God –
The Son is God’s Final Revelation. Hebrews**

**1. The Comparisons and Contrasts of His Superiority in Hebrews:**

a. He is *so much better* (superior, NIV) than… 1:4

b. He is *better* (7:7) and in Him is/are *better things,* 6:9;

*b. hope,* 7:19; *b. testament,* 7:22;

 *b. covenant, b. promises,* 8:6;

 *b. sacrifices*, 9:23;

 *b. substance*, 10:34;

 *b. country*, 11:16;

 *b. resurrection,* 11:35;

 *b. thing,* 11:40; b*. things,* 12:24

– 13 occ. out of 12 verses.

1. He has a *more excellent* *Name*, 1:4;

 *m.e.* *ministry,* 8:6;

 Abel offered a *m.e. sacrifice,* 11:4.

1. He has *more glory … and m. honour*, 3:3;

 … *a m. perfect tabernacle*, 9:11

**2**. The Character of His Superiority in Hebrews.

**3**. The Cautions given b’cos of His Superiority.

**B. The Final Superiority of the Son.** *so much better* (1:4) **Heb. Chs. 1-10**

1. He is Superior to the Messengers. (Prophets) 1:1-4b
2. He is God’s Message – *spoken unto us by (His) Son*. 1:2
3. He is God’s Image – *the express Image of His Person*. 1:2, 3

c. He is God’s Heritage – *As He hath by inheritance obtained*… 1:4 cf. Phil. 2:9

**2**. He is **S**uperior to Angels. 1: 4a-14

1. He is the **S**on of the Father; angels are **S**pirits. 1:4-7
2. He **R**ules in **R**ighteousness –

He and His Throne are Eternal. 1:8

The angels serve at the Throne as **F**lames of **F**ire. 1:7c

c. He is the **C**ommencement of **C**reation, though **C**reation is only temporal. 1:10-12 **C**reation will fail but He will be the same and will remain. 1:11, 12

d. He is **S**overeign over all; angels are but **S**ervants to the **S**aints in **S**alvation. 1:13, 14

e. He is **S**uperior to angels, though made lower than they to **S**uffer death as man. 2:5-8, 9-10

* The **S**on’s Caution: – ***H****eed what you Hear*. 2:1

 – ***H****ow shall we escape if we neglect such Salvation?* 2:3-4

**3. He is Superior to Moses Heb. 3:1-6, 7-19**

1. The **C**omparison – both are Faithful to God. 3:1, 2

i. Both were **A**ppointed by God.

ii. Both gave **A**llegiance to God – they were Faithful.

1. The **C**ontrast – **C**hrist is a **S**on over the house; Moses is a **S**ervant in it. 3:3-6
* The Spirit’s **C**aution – **H**old fast to the **H**ope; **H**arden not your **H**earts. 3:6b; 3:7-19

**4. He is Superior to Joshua.** **Heb. 4:1-16**

1. Joshua could not give **R**est to God’s People because of their unbelief. 4:1, 2-8
2. Jesus gives and will give the **R**est of **R**edemption to His People who believe. 4:9-10

 cf. cf. Mt. 11:28

* **The Scripture’s Caution:**

Trust God’s **P**recepts 4:11-13

Trust the Great High **P**riest 4:14-16

1. **He is Superior to Aaron. Heb. 5:1-14; ch. 6**
	1. The **C**omparisons:
2. Both **A**ppeared on behalf of men before God. 5:1, 7
3. Both **A**fflicted with infirmity of the flesh; both were **C**ompassionate. 5:2, 3, 7
4. Both **A**ppointed to High Priesthood by God. 5:3, 4, 10

b. The **C**ontrasts: Only **C**hrist…

1. …is **A**cclaimed as Son. 5:5, 8
2. …is **A**ppointed Priest after \*Melchizedek. 5:6, 10 \*See ch. 7
3. …became the **A**uthor of eternal salvation. 5:9

**The Scribe’s Caution**: Heed the rebuke to **M**ature and take **M**eat. 5:11-14; ch. 6

**\*** **Why the Order of Melchizedek is Superior. Ch. 7**

1. Historical**ly**, Melchizedek was Superior … cf. Gen. 14:17-19
2. To **A**braham – Abraham paid tithes to him. 7:1, 2, 4
3. To the **A**damic race – Melchizedek had unique characteristics. 7:3
4. To the **A**aronic order – the Levites paid tithes in Abraham to him. 7:5-10, 11f
5. Typical**ly**, Christ’s is therefore a Superior priesthood. cf. Psa. 110:4

i. He is a King-**P**riest (from Judah and Melchizedek) 7:13-15

ii He is a **P**erpetual and **P**erfect **P**riest (sworn into office by oath) 7:16-21,22-28

1. **He is the Mediator of a Superior Covenant –**

 the New Covenant. Heb. 8:1-5, 6, 12 - 10:39

1. Its **S**anctuary is Superior – **S**ubstance vs. **S**hadow. 8:1-5
2. Its **S**ecurity is Superior – **M**ediated by Christ vs. by **M**oses. 8:5, **10-13**
3. Its **S**acrifice is Superior – once by the **L**amb vs. repeatedly by **L**evites.

 Ch. 9; 10:1, **10-14**-18

1. The **S**pirit’s Exhortation – *let us*. 10:19-22-25
* The **S**pirit’s Caution – *How much sorer punishment …?* 10:26-35-39 (29)

Summary:

**A. The Final Search for God – Hebrews
B. The Final Superiority of the Son. Chs. 1-10
C. The Faithful Saints of God. Chs. 11-13**

1. The **S**tatement of Faith – its **N**ature and **N**ecessity 11:1-3, 6
2. The **S**amples of Faith. 11:4-6, 7-39, 40
3. The **S**ight of Faith. 12:1-17
	1. The **R**ace - *Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses*, 12:1, 2
	2. ***let us*** *lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us*
	3. ***let us*** *run with patience the race that is set before us*
	4. The **R**ole Model –

***L****ooking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith*

1. The **R**eminder of the **R**elationship –

*Son, despise not the chastening of the Lord.* 12:3-17 (5, 6)

* The **S**peaker’s **C**aution – *See that ye refuse not Him that speaks…from Heaven.* 12:18-29 (25)

**4.** **S**eek the **S**hepherd of the **S**heep. 13:8, 12-16, 20-21

 a. The **S**hepherd of the Fold –

He is… the **S**ame eternally – He **C**hanges not. 13:8

 our **S**in offering – He **C**leanses and **S**anctifies us. 13:12

 the **S**hepherd – He **C**ares for the **S**heep. 13:6, 20, 21

b. The **S**heep of the Fold – ***Let us*** …

1. **S**uffer with Him. 13:13, 14
2. **S**acrifice the fruit of our lips to God. 13:15
3. **S**hare with others. 13:16

**Conclusion** – **Heb. ch. 13**

1. **L**et brotherly **L**ove continue. 13:1-6

2. **R**emember those that **R**ule. 13:7, 17-19, 22-25

1. **F**ollow the **F**aith of **P**ast leaders. 13:7
2. **S**aints to **S**ubmit to **P**resent leaders. 13:17
3. **R**espect all ‘**R**ulers’ and other brethren. 13:24

**3**. Be **S**trengthened against **S**trange teachings. 13:9-11

***Heb. 13:20-21
Now may
YHWH SHALOM,
the God of Peace, Who brought
Y’shua our Master,
the Great Shepherd of the Sheep
back from the dead in the power of the blood
that ratified the everlasting covenant,***

***equip you in every good thing you need to do His will,***

***Working in you that which is pleasing,***

***through***

***Y’shua Ha Mashiah;***

***To whom be the glory for ever and ever.***

***Amen!***

***Grace be with you all.
Amen.*Heb. 13:25**