

CHRIST
IS
GREATER

This morning we said that the theme of the book of Hebrews is “Jesus Christ Is Worthy Of Your Faith.”

Why?

Because Jesus Christ is greater than:

The prophets.

Matthew 16:13-16

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The angels.

Hebrews 1:1-4

In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days He has spoken to us by a Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of His nature, upholding the universe by His word of power. When He had made purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has obtained is more excellent than theirs.

Moses

Hebrews 3:1-3

Therefore holy brethren, who share in a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession. He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, just as Moses also was faithful in God's house. Yet Jesus has been counted worthy of as much more glory than Moses as the builder of a house has more honor than the house.

Matthew 17:5

He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

Christ Is A Greater Rest Provider Than Joshua.

Hebrews 4:8-11

For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience.

Joshua led the people of Israel into and earthly rest.

Joshua 1:1-2

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, the children of Israel."

Joshua 21:43-45

Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give to their fathers; and having taken possession of it, they settled there. And the Lord gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers; not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the Lord had given all their enemies into their hands. Not one of all the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

But this was just a temporary rest.

Jesus Christ leads people to a permanent rest.

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Those who die in the Lord will rest from their labors.

Revelation 14:13

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

Heaven is eternal and perfect.

Revelation 21:4-5

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Jesus will lead the faithful to this rest.

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Therefore we need to keep our eyes on Jesus.

Hebrews 12 :2

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus Is A Greater High Priest Than Aaron.

Hebrews 7:11

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

Hebrews 7:23-24

And there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

The priest was one through whom man has access to God.

Aaron (the Levitical priesthood) as High Priest was:

Only to be temporary.

It could not make men perfect.

Hebrews 7:19

For the law made nothing perfect.

Hebrews 10:1-4

For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purged, would have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

Christ, being a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, offered His blood for the sins of others.

He was qualified.

Hebrews 4:14-15

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

With Christ as our High Priest we can draw near unto
God.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in
time of need.

Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the
Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living
way which He consecrated for us, through the veil,
that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the
house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full
assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from
an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure
water.

Because is Christ as our High Priest, He intercedes for us and is our mediator.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them.

I Timothy 2:5

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.

The Latin word for priest is “pontifex” which means bridge-builder.

This is what Christ has done for us.

Christ blood is superior to the blood of animal sacrifices.

Hebrews 9:11-14

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The Blood That Christ Shed Is Greater Than The
Blood Of Abel.

Hebrews 12 :24

To Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to
the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than
that of Abel.

Abel's blood cried out for justice and retribution.

The blood that Jesus shed on the cross speaks of
forgiveness and reconciliation.

Hebrews 9:12

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Hebrews 10:19

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.

Matthew 26:27-28

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:20

And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

I John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Revelation 1:5

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

It is through His blood and death on the cross that we can be reconciled back to God.

Romans 5:6-11

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

JESUS CHRIST IS WORTHY OF OUR FAITH!

He is greater than:

the prophets.

the angels.

Moses.

Joshua.

Aaron.

Abel.

Therefore we should:

Obey Him.

Hebrews 5:8-9

Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered; and being made perfect He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Live a faithful Christian life.

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

ARE YOU
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