The Better Choice

Jesus Christ

Encouragement From The Book of Hebrews

WARNINGS and CHALLENGES

- DO NOT NEGLECT such a great salvation (2:1-4)
- DO NOT BEGIN TO FALL AWAY from the faith (3:7-19)
- DO MARCH ON toward the consummation (4:1-13)
- DO BE MATURE BELIEVERS WHO ENDURE (5:11-6:20)
- DO APPROACH GOD CONFIDENTLY in Christ (10:19-22)
- DO HOLD TIGHT to the faith (10:23-31)
- DO REMEMBER YOUR TRIUMPHS OF FAITH (10:32-39)
- DO EMULATE THE HEROES of FAITH and RUN the RACE (11:1-12:2)
- DO BE ENGAGED in serving the body with sympathetic involvement with those who suffer (13:1-3)
- DO live by a Christian worldview which reckons real security as having the Lord's presence in life (13:5-6)

Jesus Christ: The Better Choice

- A better messenger
- Better than Adam
- Better than the angels
- Better than Moses
- A better rest
- A better high priest
- A better priesthood
- A better covenant
- A better tabernacle
- A better sacrifice
- A better way of living
- A better faith
- A better kingdom



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Mankind's Destiny – A Catch-22

- A difficulty with no logical resolution
- A trap with no way out
- A situation that seems to preclude a solution



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HUMANITY'S HIGH CALLING

"And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. [28] And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.." **Genesis 1:27-28**

HUMANITY'S SUBJECT-TO-LORD COVENANT

"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die." **Genesis 2:16-17**

HUMANITY'S TRAGIC TRANSGRESSION

"When the woman saw that the tree was good for food,
and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was
desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate;
and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. [7]
Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they
knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves
together and made themselves loin coverings. [8] And they
heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in
the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid
themselves from the presence of the LORD God among
the trees of the garden.

HUMANITY'S TRAGIC TRANSGRESSION

9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat." **Genesis 3:6-11**

HUMANITY'S DISASTROUS DEPARTURE

"Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden." **Genesis 4:16**

Mankind's Destiny – A Catch-22

- God must carry out His verdict of judgment on mankind's transgression

- God is to fulfill his creative act of making man a very good work of His hands who is destined to bring Him pleasure

HUMANITY'S HOPE

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." **Genesis 3:15**

Hebrews 2:5-11

"For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking. 6 But one has testified somewhere, saying, "What is man, that Thou rememberest him? Or the son of man, that Thou art concerned about him? 7 "Thou hast made him for a little while lower than the angels; Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, And hast appointed him over the works of Thy hands; 8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet." For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

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Hebrews 2:5-11

9 But we do see Him who has been made for a little
while lower than the angels, *namely, Jesus,*
because of the suffering of death crowned with
glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might
taste death for everyone. 10 For it was fitting for Him,
for whom are all things, and through whom are all
things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the
author of their salvation through sufferings. 11 For
both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified
are all from one [*Father]; for which reason He is not*
ashamed to call them brethren,"

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Incarnation of the Son of God

Incarnation of the Son of God

❑ Revelatory of DEITY

"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, [2] in these last days has spoken to us in *His Son*."
Hebrews 1:1-2a

Incarnation of the Son of God

- Revelatory of DEITY
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"Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet." For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him. 9 But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor."* **Hebrews 2:8-9a**

Incarnation of the Son of God

- ❑ Revelatory of DEITY
- ❑ Revelatory of HUMANITY
- ❑ Representative of restored HUMANITY

"For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in **bringing many sons to glory**, to perfect the **author of their salvation** through sufferings. [11] For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one [*Father]; for which reason He is not ashamed* ***to call them brethren***." **Hebrews 2:10-11**

Hebrews 2:11-18

"For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one *Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,* [12] *saying, "I will proclaim Thy name to My brethren, In the midst of the congregation I will sing Thy praise."* [13] *And again, "I will put My trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me."* [14] *Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;* [15] *and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.*

Hebrews 2:11-18

*16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels,
but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. 17
Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in
all things, that He might become a merciful and
faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to
make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For
since He Himself was tempted in that which He has
suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who
are tempted."*

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- ❑ Revelatory of HUMANITY
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- ❑ Redemptive
- ❑ Remedial

"For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted." **Hebrews 2:18**

HEBREWS – Encouragement for the battle

❑ The reclamation of MANKIND

"For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in **bringing many sons to glory**, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings." **Hebrews 2:10**

HEBREWS – Encouragement for the battle

- The reclamation of MANKIND
- Being part of the family of God

"For both he that sanctifies and those sanctified *are* ***all of one****; for which cause he is not ashamed to call them* ***brethren***, [12] saying, "I will proclaim Thy name to My brethren, In the midst of the **congregation** I will sing Thy praise."" **Hebrews 2:11-12**

HEBREWS – Encouragement for the battle

- ❑ The reclamation of MANKIND
- ❑ The strength of the family of God
- ❑ The reliable help of the Lord

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HEBREWS – Encouragement for the battle

- ❑ The reclamation of MANKIND
- ❑ The strength of the family of God
- ❑ The reliable help of the Lord
- ❑ God takes note of our service

"For God is **not unjust so as to forget your work** and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints." **Hebrews 6:10**

HEBREWS – Empathy so to Endure

- Jesus empathizes with our trials

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HEBREWS – Empathy so to Endure

- ❑ Jesus empathizes with our trials
- ❑ Jesus empathizes with our weaknesses

"For we do not have a high priest who cannot **sympathize with our weaknesses**, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet without sin*.." **Hebrews 4:15**

HEBREWS – Fear disempowered

❑ Fear of death

"Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives." **Hebrews 2:14-15**

HEBREWS – Fear disempowered

- Fear of death
- Fear of man

"so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?""
Hebrews 13:6

My Christian Worldview

- ❑ The One True God created me
- ❑ I turned away from God
- ❑ Jesus brought me back to God
- ❑ Now in Christ I am God's child
- ❑ Now in Christ I live for God
- ❑ I am fulfilling my destiny

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