Hebrews Lesson 1

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INTRODUCTION

- Lord willing, I'm going to be preaching a series of lessons from this epistle of Hebrews.
- I've chosen to study through Hebrews, because I believe it's a book that we even need today.
- The opening of Hebrews is unique in all the New Testament epistles.

1 His Son Is So Great That We Ought to Listen

Hebrews 1:1–3; Hebrews 12:25

- God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken unto us by his son.
- And his son is so great that we ought to listen.
- That kind of opening ought to stir our attention that it is a very important from God Himself that we listen to Jesus Christ.
- See that you do not refuse to hear him who speaks.

2 In What Do You Place Your Trust?

- In our world today, there's that temptation for us to lose sight of that in which we really ought to have confidence.
- God wants us to build our life on the permanence of the eternal and not on the instability of the temporal.
- The Hebrew letter says, evaluate what you put your trust in.
- You'd say Hebrews is a book of evaluation.

3 Three Words: Better, Perfect and Eternal

Hebrews 7:19; Hebrews 10:14; Hebrews 5:9

- There's the word better, is found some fourteen times. There's the word perfect, found some 13 times.
- The law made nothing perfect. On the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope through which we draw near to God.
- For by one offering, he has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.
- Jesus Christ is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

4 We Continually Need Guidance

Hebrews 5:12–14; Hebrews 6:1–6

- Like that rocket that continually needs instruction and guidance, so we continually need to grow in the knowledge of the Word of God.
- They were probably Christians alright. That's not the press the question. But they were standing still.

- Though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God.
- Because in Jesus Christ, there is no standing still.

5 Warnings: From Drifting to Defying God

Hebrews 3:12–14; Hebrews 6:11–12; Hebrews 10:26–31

- In Hebrews, there are at least five different warnings about this kind of an attitude.
- Therefore, we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.
- How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?
- Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.
- Christians, once faithful, can doubt the word, drifting away by neglect, and become hardened of heart.
- If we sin willfully after we've received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.**

MY NOTES