

"Life Threatening Encounter"

Hebrews 12.18-29

TITLE "Hebrews" or "to the Hebrews" NOT ORIGINAL - SUMMARY IDEA

BOOK ADDRESSES READERS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE JEWISH RELIGION

PROBABLE - TIME OF PERSECUTION FOR CHRISTIANS - NOT JEWS

"WHY NOT GO BACK TO THE SAFETY OF JEWISH FAITH?"

WHY NOT GO BACK TO ANCIENT HAWAIIAN GODS - HENRY O'S REJECTION

NOT OT vs. NT - NT IS BUILT ON OT - INSEPARABLE

CANNOT GO BACK - ALL OF OLD TESTAMENT POINTS TO CHRIST

1.1,2

SON - GOD'S MESSENGER TO THESE LAST DAYS - DAY OF REDEMPTION

OT - SHADOW // CHRIST - REALITY

THEME - "HOW MUCH MORE"

GLORY OF ANGELS "HOW MUCH MORE" GLORIOUS IS JESUS

EVEN THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM

IMPORTANCE OF MOSES "HOW MUCH MORE" IMPORTANT IS JESUS

BUILDER OF GOD'S HOUSE

ROLE OF OT PRIESTS "HOW MUCH MORE" ESSENTIAL ROLE OF JESUS

PRIEST FOREVER IN ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

PRIEST AND THE SACRIFICE - ONCE FOR ALL

CHAPTER 11 - HEROES OF FAITH "HOW MUCH MORE" GREATER
HERO JESUS

"HOW MUCH MORE" = CHRIST IS MORE

WE MUST SEE JESUS FOR WHO HE IS

12.2,3

HANG IN THERE

12.12,13

ŠWHEN BELIEVERS ARE IN HARD TIME - LOOK TO PAST & FUTURE

1. God's Kingdom is Spiritual

1. Demands of the King

a. Harmony v. 14a Gal 5.13-15 Eph 4.3 James 3.9,10

CHURCH BEING TORN APART BY PERSECUTION

GREATEST PAIN NOT CAUSED BY WORLD - EXPECTED, AGAINST
CHRIST

MOST HURTFUL - SAID AND DONE BY FELLOW CHRISITANS -
"OHANA"

DESTROYS THE CHURCH - HAS NEARLY DESTROYED HAILI
CHURCH

WORSHIP J

Psalm 85.10

Isaiah 57.19

WITNESS John 17.20,21

b. Holiness v. 14b,16,17 10.10,37 1 Pet 1.15,16

RIGHT RELATIONS WITH OTHERS - AND WITH GOD!

Psalm 24.4

10.10

SET APART FROM SIN FOR GOD - IMPERATIVE will not see God

LEV 10.1-3 SONS OF AARON THE HIGH PRIEST HIMSELF

10.37,38 URGENCY

EXAMPLE OF Esau vs. 16,17 - Immorality leads to unbelief

Twin brother of Jacob, Parents - Isaac and Rebekah

Sons of the Covenant - Grandchildren of Abraham - Blessed

REJECTED GOD'S BLESSING - FORFEITED BIRTHRIGHT &
INHERITANCE

Š WORDS OF COVENANT - ON HIS LIPS, NOT IN HIS HEART

wanted the women of godless pagans - became a godless pagan

GIRL RAISED IN CHURCH - Sunday school, youth group, involved
NOW GIRL LIVING WITH BOYFRIEND "are you a Christian?" DON'T
KNOW

DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN SEXUAL IMMORALITY AND
LOSING FAITH

ROMANS 1.21-25

STRONG POWER OF SEX - PETTING A TIGER // EAT YOU UP

SEX IS LIKE FIRE -
LEAVE IN FIREPLACE - GOOD / OUTSIDE - BURN DOWN YOUR
HOUSE

OH, GOD WILL FORGIVE ME - HE WILL, BUT.....

1) FEW SEEK FORGIVENESS - DEAD TO GOD

HEB 4.1

2) LIFE TIME OF GUILT - MANY SCARS OF SIN WILL NOT GO
AWAY

BOTH HARMONY AND HOLINESS COME FROM JESUS

HEB 7.2 He is "king of righteousness" and "king of peace"

c. Humility v. 15 Mark 11.24,25 James 4.6

NEED HUMILITY - ADMISSION OF NEED - TO COME TO GOD

WILL NOT COME - ROOT OF BITTERNESS HAS GROWN UP - BLOCKS
GRACE

James 4.6

BITTER HEART - FILLED WITH REVENGE - FILLED WITH SELF

DO NOT NEED GOD - WILL NOT COME TO GOD

Mark 11.24,25

GOD DOES NOT HEAR PRAYER OF THE BITTER HEART - RESENTFUL PRAYER

WHY SHOULD GOD GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WILL NOT GIVE ANOTHER?

BITTERNESS IS A BARRIER TO GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE

GROWING AND DEEP - "root of bitterness"

NO HUMAN POWER CAN PULL OUT THIS EVIL BITTER ROOT

COME TO CHRIST - FOUNTAIN OF GRACE - HOW MUCH MORE CAN HE HELP

10.19-31

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WE DARE NOT PRESUME ON GOD'S GRACE - LIFE THREATENING ENCOUNTER

2. Description of the Kingdom

a. Spiritual vs. 18 - 21 10.20 1 Peter 1.8

OT - ISRAEL AT SINAI - AWESOME EVIDENCES OF GOD

GOD'S VOICE WAS OVERWHELMING

v. 19,20

GOD'S PRESENCE WAS UNAPPROACHABLE

v. 20

TERRIFYING - FOR EVEN MOSES THE MEEKEST MAN ON EARTH - GOD'S FRIEND

v. 21

WE DO NOT COME TO SUCH A TANGIBLE, VISIBLE SIGHT

v. 18

10.20

SPIRITUAL DOES NOT MEAN REAL - LOTS OF THINGS REAL
CANNOT SEE

HUMAN ARROGANCE "If I can't see it, it's not there"

OUR GOD IS UNSEEN - DWELLS IN A SPRITUAL KINGDOM

EQUIPS WITH "EYES TO SEE" -

STEPHEN

Acts 7.55,56

1 Peter 1.8

b. Eternal vs. 22-24 11.10,16 13.14

JEWS LONGED FOR THE GLORY DAYS OF THE TEMPLE - NOW
DESTROYED

c. Unshakable v. 28 1.8 Psalm 46

3. Display of the Kingdom

a. Obedience v. 25 Luke 11.17

ŠA KING IS KNOWN BY THE OBEDIENCE OF HIS SUBJECTS

CHRIST CANNOT BE YOUR SAVIOR W/OUT BEING YOUR SOVEREIGN

b. Confidence vs. 26,27 Luke 12.32

DWELL IN SAFETY IN THE PROTECTION OF THE KINGDOM

c. Reverence vs. 28,29 Matthew 6.33