



# A Scenic Overlook

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## Hebrews

### Look at the Book

- Hebrews is written to a Jewish audience to present the superiority and sufficiency of Christ (1:1-4)
- Hebrews has the most information on the person and work of Christ in the entire New Testament (See outline on back)
- Hebrews is written to address a problem
- Hebrews has an “unknown” author
- There are many ways to study Hebrews
- Hebrews is comprehensive in content, yet simple in outline:
  - I. The Superiority of Christ (1:1–8:6)
  - II. The Superiority of the Covenant (8:7–12:29)
  - III. Conclusion (13)

### Learn From the Book

- Hebrews is to the New Testament what Leviticus is to the Old Testament
- Hebrews is the entire Old Testament in concentrate

- Hebrews “wrecks” the traditions of the Jews
- Hebrews presents the total priestly work of Christ for us
- Hebrews challenges every believer to “go on in spiritual maturity” (6:9)
- Hebrews declares the exclusivity of Christ in salvation
- Hebrews provides the encouragement and instruction we need to live by faith.

### Live By the Book

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

—Hebrews 4:12 ESV

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

—Hebrews 11:6 ESV

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. —Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV

# The Person and Work of Christ in Hebrews

## I. Person of Christ (Nature, Titles)

- A. Son (1:2)
- B. Jesus (2:9)
- C. God (1:8)
- D. Christ (3:6)
- E. Lord (1:10)

## II. Properties of Christ (Attributes, Uniqueness)

- A. Heir (1:2)
- B. Creator (1:2; Col. 1:15-16)
- C. Effulgence/Radiance (1:3)
- D. Image/Imprint (1:3; 5:8)
- E. Nature/Substance (1:2)
- F. Sustainer (1:3; 13:13)
- G. First Born (1:6)

## III. Program of Christ (Work)

- A. Purifier (1:3; 2 Peter 1:9)
- B. Founder (2:10)
- C. Apostle—God to Man (3:1)
- D. High Priest—Man to God (3:1)
- E. Forerunner (6:20)
- F. Guarantor (7:22)
- G. Minister (8:2)
- H. Mediator (8:6)
- I. Perfecter (12:2)
- J. Shepherd (13:20)