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# Hebrews 1-6

## Jesus Christ, The Author of Eternal Salvation

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NT #43

Who wrote Hebrews? Ch 2 v3: salvation spoken by the Lord, confirmed unto us by them that knew him

- when was Hebrews written?

- Clement quoted as authoritative 96 AD (1:3-4)

- arguments against sacrifice would have been pointless after 70 AD

- dates are within Paul's time period - indicate author was apostolic

- different style

- so does everybody

- didn't self-attribute (because he wasn't apostle to the Hebrews?)

- 12:1 - running = race metaphor - typical of Paul

- 10:38 - just shall live by faith (also quoted in Romans 1:17, Gal. 3:11)

- subjective

- Origen (185-253 AD) thought a disciple of Paul's wrote it (based on style) but also said those of old had attributed it to Paul and that he didn't know

Chester Beatty Papyrus (175 AD) "Hebrews is accepted as Pauline without question"

It's referred to Paul as the author.

Authorship still in doubt, but in my mind the preponderance of evidence points to Paul

Who was it to?

Unknown, though author expects

- solid knowledge of Torah

- persecution among readers for believing in Jesus (10:32-34)

Structure: Jesus is above the ways God has revealed himself to us in the past

- Angels & Law (Ch 1-2)

↳ 1:1-3 Jesus is the likeness of God

- Moses & ~~Abraham~~ <sup>Promised Land</sup> (3-4)

no God beside Jesus character-imprint

- Priests & Melchizedek (5-7)

- Sacrifice & Covenant (8-10)

Warnings - if Jesus is superior to each of these, how much more attention should we pay to him than them? How much more honor to what he did than what they did?

Ch. 1 contrast Jesus w/ angels (OT: "sons of God" = Job, Daniel, Jeremiah)

2 continue w/ emphasis that the witness of Jesus is more powerful than that of angels, and thus the importance to obey greater

Jesus is in the same category as man (vs angels) because of his condescension.  
Jesus is High Priest

3 Jesus is like the heir so Moses is servant. Look at what happened to the stubborn who didn't pay attention to Moses - they didn't enter into his rest

4 Sabbath Day → day to receive rest (reward) vs. Today (Psalm 95) → day to choose

Israelites throughout their history did not receive God's rest (or many didn't) but we can  
Jesus is a better kind of High Priest

# Priesthood

5- contrast Jesus as High Priest with Atonic ones

~~They~~ They are -

- sinners
- must sacrifice for themselves too
- not chosen by themselves but by God
- order of Aaron

S:4 called as Aaron was

Jesus is

- also chosen by God, but
- is perfect
- order of Melchizedek

- meat vs. milk (mature teachings vs. first lessons)

6- we should endeavor to progress from milk to meat

- once the foundation is there (faith, repentance, baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection, judgment) we should build on it
- abandoning faith is dangerous because instead of empty ground, we don't remain fallow but grow weeds or fruit once we are watered

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God talks about Abraham here, but we'll leave it for next time

v. 18-19 ~~we~~ we have found ~~safe~~ safety w/ him and are encouraged to hold to the hope placed before us. This hope is an anchor (Eph 12:4)

"heavenly" temple (figurative/real) vs. earthly temple (real/type)

Jesus as High Priest has gone into the "heavenly temple" on our behalf.