

Holding fast in a sea of change



Studies in the book of Hebrews.

1. Who had the most influence on you growing up? List one practical outcome of that influence.

2. Who has the most influence in your life today? List one practical outcome of that influence.

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HEBREWS

1:1-4 & 2:1-3

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Hebrews 1:1-4

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Hebrews 1:3-4

³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Hebrews 2:1-2

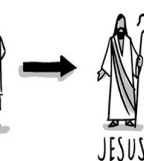
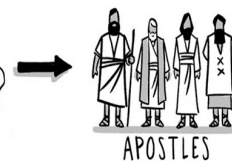
We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.² For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment,

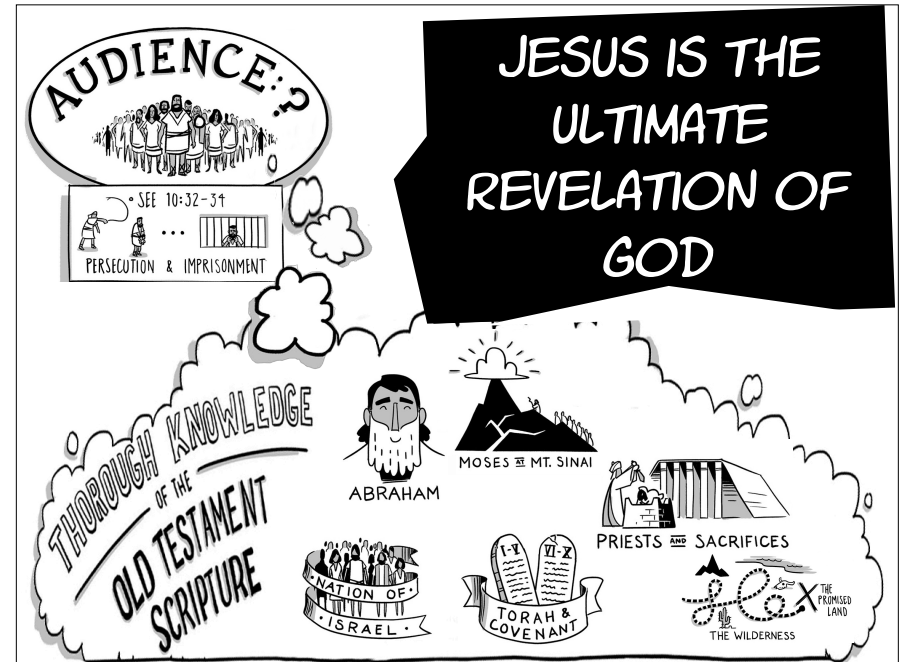
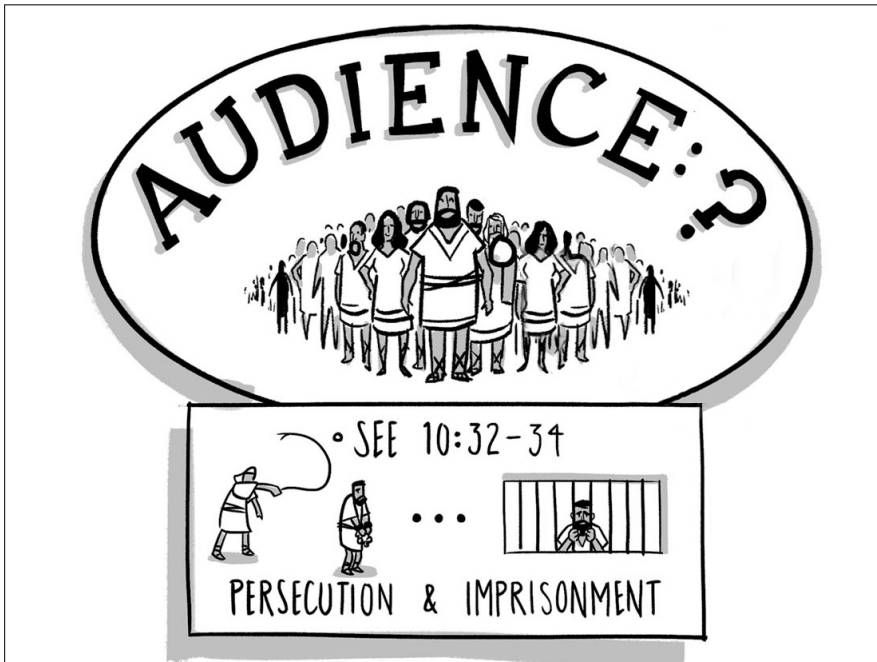
Hebrews 2:3

³ how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

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Purpose

1. The fullness of God and security of salvation are found fully in the person and work of Jesus.

Superior to the Angels (Hebrews 1:4-14)

Superior to Moses (Hebrews 3:3)

He is the **Great** High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16)

He is the **final** Sacrifice (Hebrews 10:11-12)

Better Covenant (Hebrews 8:6; 7:22)



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Purpose

2. The book is written to encourage people in challenging circumstances.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." -Hebrews 12:1-2



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Purpose

3. The book is written to remind people of the **consequences** of not taking Jesus seriously!

"How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?" -Hebrews 2:3



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Preparation

*"In the **past** God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son."*
-Hebrews 1:1-2



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Presentation

*"(Jesus) whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and **the exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven" -Hebrews 1:2*



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Presentation

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father John 14:9

- "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." and "the Word became flesh" John 1:1&14

- "I and the Father are one." / "You, a mere man, claim to be God" John 10:30&33

- "My Lord and my God" John 20:28

- "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Cor. 5:21



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Preeminence

Hebrews
1:1-3

He is the final word till the end of the age.

He is the heir of all things.

He made the world.

He is the radiance of God's glory.

He is the exact representation of God.

He upholds all things by the power of His word.

He is the One who made purification of sins and sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high.



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Precaution

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ² For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, ³ how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?

-Hebrews 2:1-3



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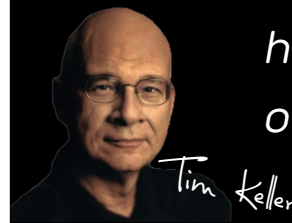
Proposal

If Jesus has done what the Bible says He's done and Jesus is who the Bible says He is, what is the proper way to respond?



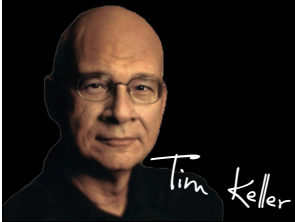
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C.S. Lewis begins recounting a problem he had with many of the Psalms, namely that God so often calls people to praise him, "We despise the man who demands continued assurance of his own virtue, intelligence, or delightfulness,"



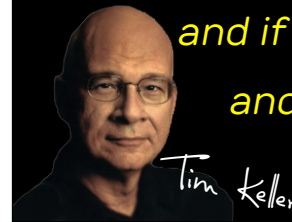
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It almost seemed as though God were saying,
"What I most want is to be told that I am good and great."



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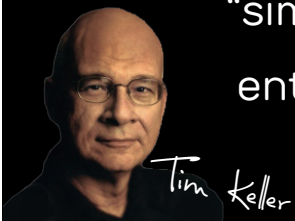
As time went on, Lewis began to reflect on why we praise anything at all. What do we mean, for example, when we say that a picture, a piece of music, or a book is "admirable"? We mean that people ought to admire those things,



and if they do not, they will lose out and miss something wonderful.

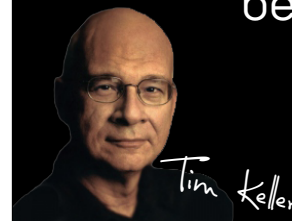
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This began to help Lewis understand the calls to praise God. If God is the great object of admiration behind all beauty and magnificence, then to praise and admire him would be
"simply to be awake, to have entered the real world,"



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while not doing so would be to become far more profoundly crippled than those who are blind, deaf, and bedridden.



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Invite God to INCREASE His
influence in your life.

1. *Commit to reading the Bible weekly.*
2. *Commit to coming to our 201 Class.*
3. *Commit to discipling someone weekly.*



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