

HURRYING THROUGH HEBREWS

(THEN) What we have in Christianity is far better than Judaism – therefore, do not return to Judaism!

(NOW) Also, we must not turn to any other faith system either!

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Memory Passage – 12:1

- Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

12:2

- Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

12:3

- For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

Hints for Memorizing ...

- 1) Nail word “one” of each verse.
- 2) Memorize by clusters not by individual words.
- 3) Work out loud not silently.
- 4) Start now.

Symbolism of Sitting



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Saving the Best for Last

- Better than prophets – Piecemeal; Matt. 21
(God speaks by His Son, 1:1-4)
- Better than angels – His Title; His Position
(God speaks about His Son (1:5-14))

Saving the Best for Last

- In view of His Name
 - In view of Worship
 - In view of Activity
 - In view of Creation
- In view of Eternality
 - In view of Posture

What's the Big Deal?

- 2:1-4—If what angels delivered is so binding, how much more what the Son has said (and the Father has confirmed)?

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- See Acts 7:38, 53
- See Galatians 3:19
- See Hebrews 2:1-4

His Main Point!

- The value of the message is connected to the value and position of the messenger who delivers it!

NT versus OT

- May repeat (1 Peter 1:16)
- May heighten (Matt. 5:27-28)
- May override (1 Tim. 4:1-4)

To say it another way ...

- What angels say is important – but not as important as what Christ the Son says.
- In Christ we have a better revelation.

A People or an Angel? (2:5-18)

- People are destined to rule the world!
- Christ became a people not an angel.
- Christ became a people to restore and enable people to rule as originally planned!

There is no help for angels.

- Would you rather be a people or an angel?



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Strive to Enter into Rest!

□ Hebrews 3 – Moses

□ Hebrews 4 - Joshua

Connecting to One's Audience.

- Dismayed Jewish believers in Christ
- Like pioneers missing “home”
- Missing the familiar, tangible parts of Judaism
- On the verge of going back

Christ is Better than Moses, 3

- Moses was a servant in God's house, whereas Christ is the Son over God's house.
- Moses was not able to bring the rebellious Israelites into the promised land.
- The first generation out of Egypt failed; the first generation to believe in Christ dare not fail.

Christ is Better than Joshua, 4

- Joshua was not able to provide the rest the Israelites needed.

Rest =

- Not Inactivity, but
- Spiritual Bliss in the Will of God
- God always exists in a state of spiritual bliss in His own will; we can and must join Him in that state.

Five Usages

- Creation Rest
- Canaan Rest
- Davidic Kingdom Rest
- Salvation Rest
- Millennial Rest

Matthew 11:28-30

□ Marital Bliss

□ Spiritual Bliss

Two Hymns

- Near to the Heart of God
 - Trust and Obey

Resting in our Relationship to Christ

- Christ fully understands and empathizes with our weakness.
- He offers real mercy and real help in time of need.
- We can therefore approach God's throne with real confidence!



Warning Passages

□ Text

□ 2:1-4

□ 3:7-12

□ 6:1-8

□ 10:26-31

□ 12:25-29

The Point

Drifting

Doubting

Dullness

Despising

Defying

Possible Interpretations

- Hypothetical Words
- The Loss of Salvation
- Aimed at Unsaved Individuals in the
Congregations
- Real Warnings to Real Believers

One Thing is Sure

- If you are truly a believer in Christ...
- You cannot sin deliberately with impunity
- Severe discipline will happen
 - John 15:6
 - 1 Corin. 3:12-15; 11:27-32
 - Hebrews 2:1-4
 - James 5:19-20
 - 1 John 5:16
- Real loss – of opportunity, reward, life itself

The Danger of Dullness

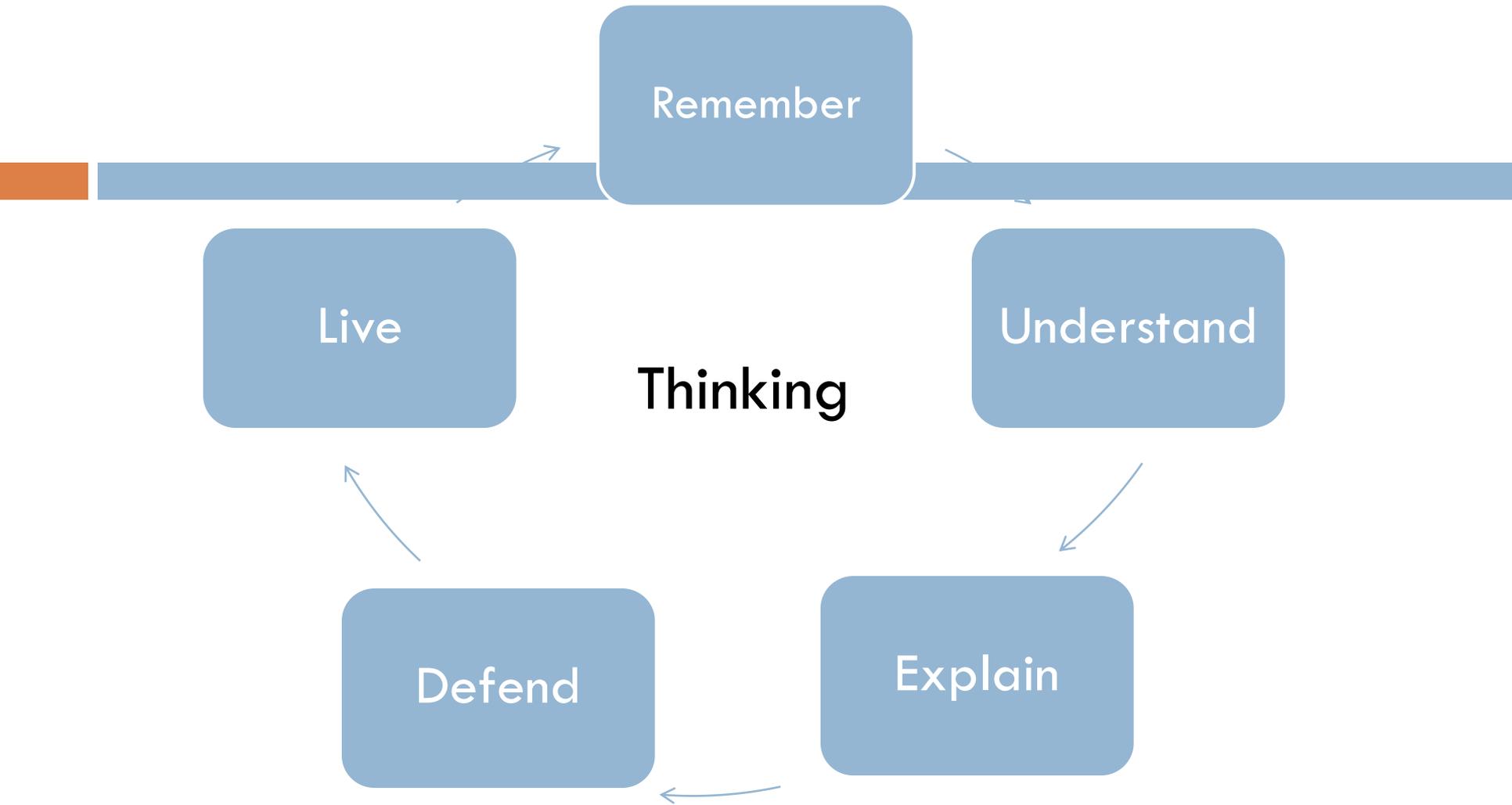
□ Hebrews 5 -6

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What Does Dullness Look Like?

- Dullness has something to do with:



How Do I Get Over Dullness?





A Better Representative

□ Hebrews 7-8

A Masterstroke in his argument

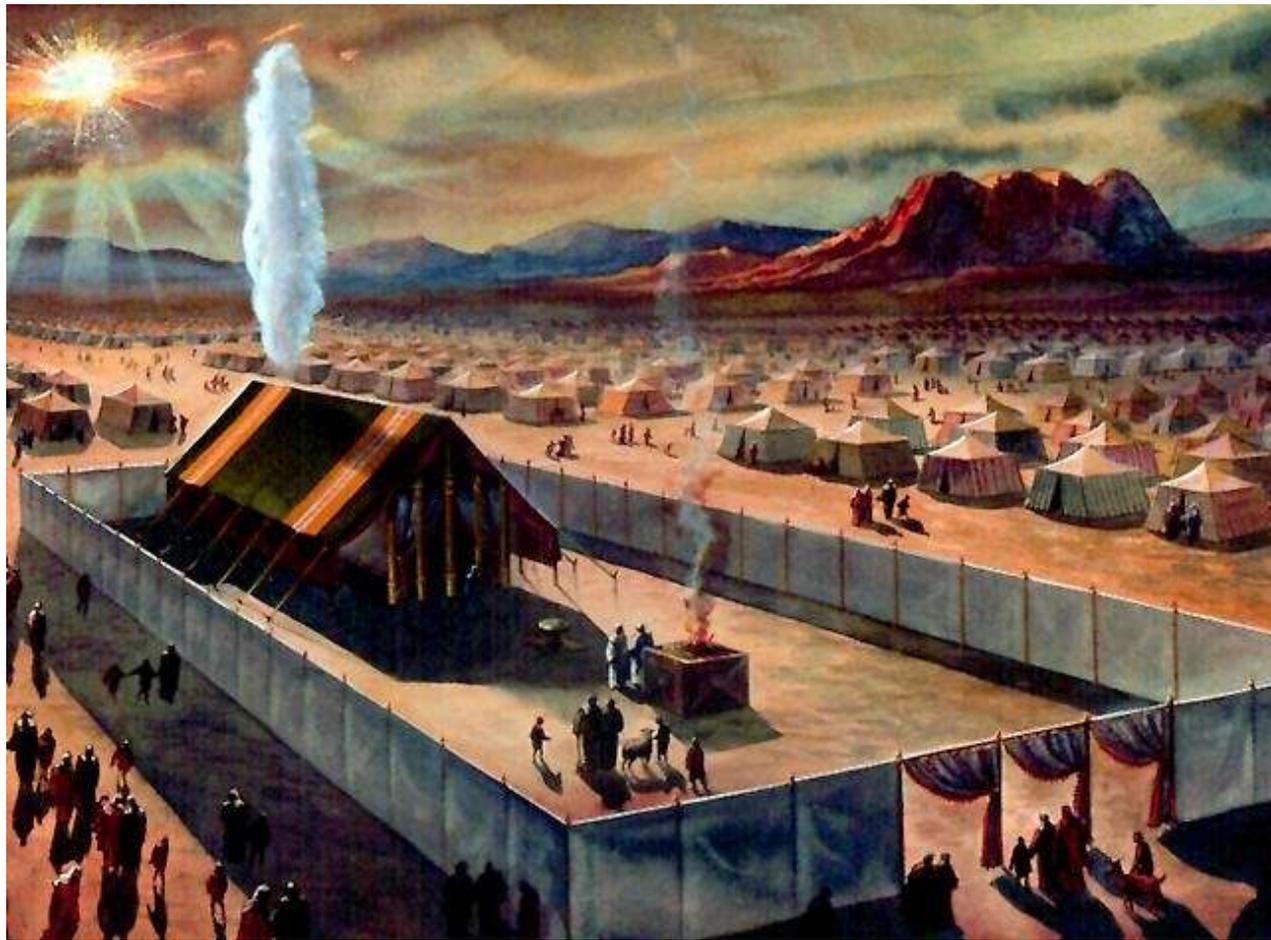
- How does connecting Christ to Melchizedek make Christ a better high priest than Aaron and his sons?

□ Melchisedek is Better because...

7:1-10

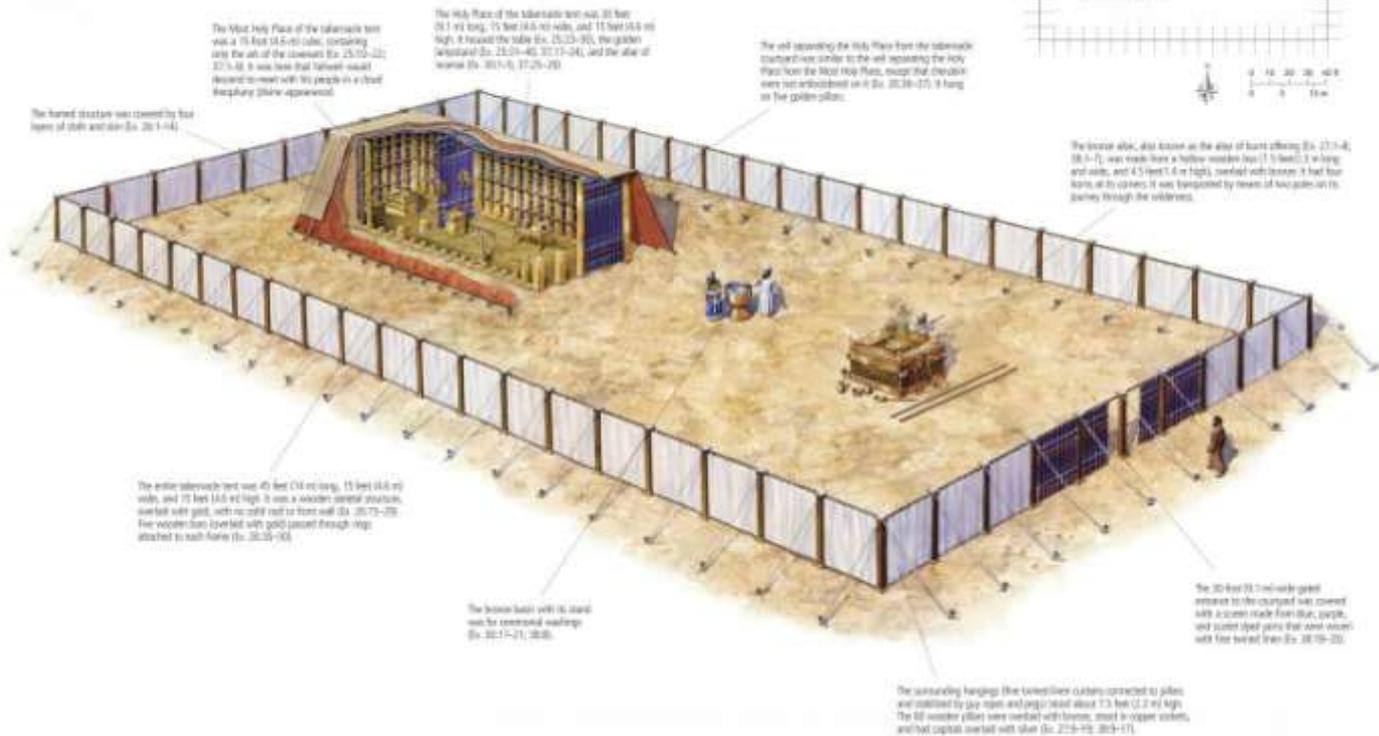
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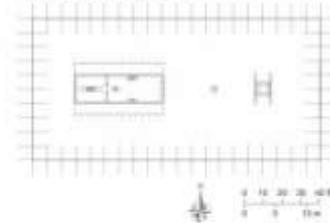


THE TABERNACLE AND COURT

The Tabernacle was a portable temple—a "tent of meeting"—with a movable courtyard (Exodus 25–31; 35–40). It was constructed after the pattern that Jehovah revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai, and was assembled in the desert as Moses led the以色列ites from Egypt to the Promised Land. It is an enlargement of the tent built, via g. 186. The tabernacle courtyard was 150 feet (46 m) long and 75 feet (23 m) wide, making 11,250 square feet (1,043 square meters).

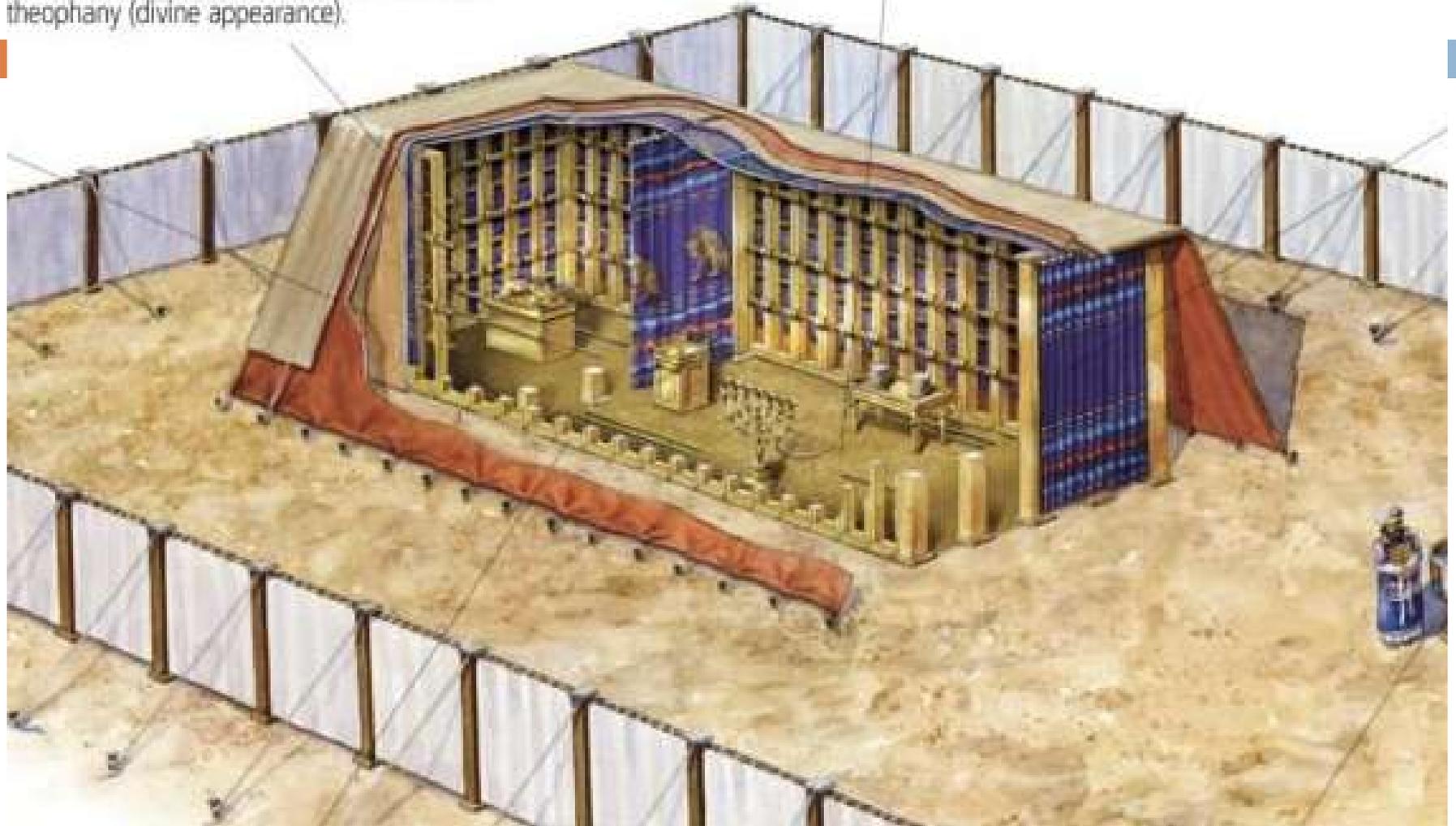


Tabernacle and Court Architectural Plan



37:1–9). It was here that Yahweh would descend to meet with his people in a cloud theophany (divine appearance).

incense (Ex. 30:1–5; 37:25–29).



A Better Redemption

- Hebrews 9

- A temporary and external cleansing

 - (The Tabernacle)

- A permanent and internal cleansing

 - (The Cross)

A Better Redemption

□ Hebrews 9

- The New Covenant Trumps the Old
- The Heavenly Trumps the Earthly

A Better Redemption

- Hebrews 10
- Animal blood cannot perfect.
- Christ's blood can perfect.
- Christ's blood sacrifice is final!

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Sharp Contrasts – Sacrifices (ch. 9,10)

- External/Internal
 - Animal / Human
 - Unwilling / Willing
 - Covered / Removed
- Repeated / Once for all
 - Standing / Sitting
 - Gone / In Place

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Special Studies

The Five Warning Passages

The Faith Chapter (11)

All the “Better’s”

All the “Let Us” texts

The Symbolism of Sitting

Christ's Blood:

- Cleanses Internally-- not just Externally.
- Removes sin-- does not just Cover sin.
- Shed “once for all”-- never to be repeated.



Concluding Calls - Hang in There!

□ **Motivated**

□ **Liberated**

□ **Concentrated**

Concluding Calls – Hebrews 10

- A Call to Closeness
- A Call to Constancy
- A Call to Comradery

Concluding Calls – Hebrews 13

- A Call to Identification
- A Call to Separation
- A Call to Celebration



The Thirteen “Bettors”

- 1:4 – better than the angels
- 6:9 – better things
- 7:7 – better priest
- 7:19 – better hope
- 7:22 – better covenant
- 8:6 – better covenant
- 8:6 – better promises

The Thirteen “Bettors”

- 9:23 – better sacrifices
- 10:34 – better possessions
- 11:16 – better country
- 11:35 – better resurrection
- 11:40 – better thing
- 12:24 – better thing

“Let Us”

- 4:1 – Let us fear...lest we miss...
- 4:11 – Let us be diligent to enter into rest
- 4:16 – Let us come boldly
- 6:1 – Let us go on to perfection
- 10:22 – Let us draw near
- 10:23 – Let us hold fast

“Let Us”

10:24 – Let us consider one another

□ 12:1 --- Let us run with endurance

12:28 – Let us have grace

□ 13:13 – Let us go forth to Him

□ 13:15 – Let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise

Message Titles

- Symbolism of Sitting
- Saving the Best for Last
- Get Some Rest!
- Warning Passages
- The Danger of Dullness
- The Best Representative
- The Best Redemption
- Concluding Calls
 - Hang in There!

