# 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!

### The Big Picture

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■ We have a better rest, 3-4

■ We have a better representative, 5-7

■ We have a better redemption, 8-10:18

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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

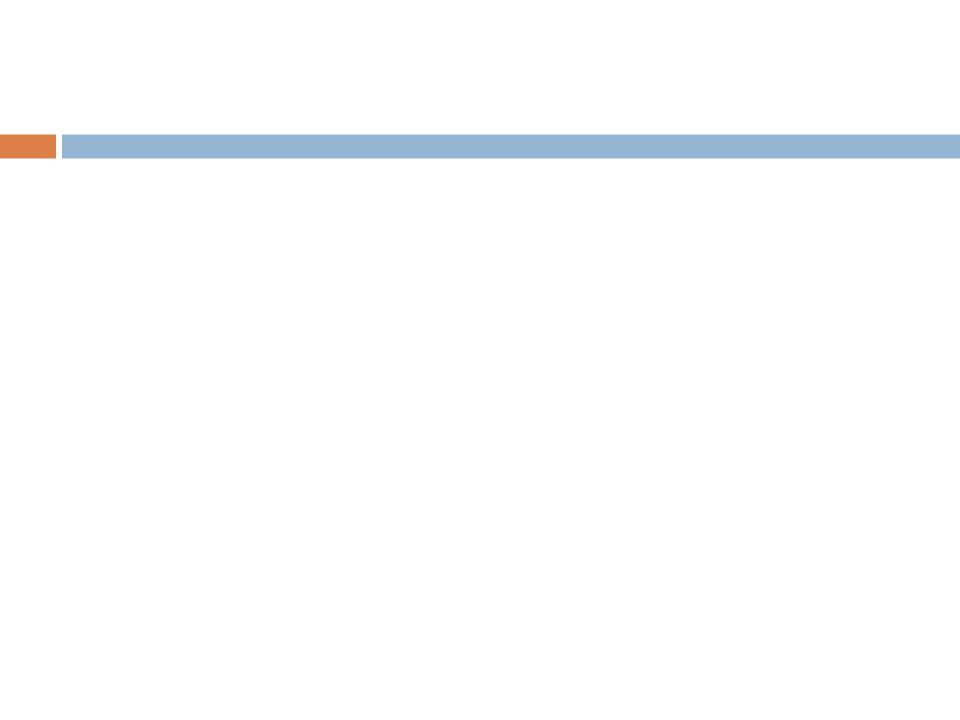


# Symbolism of Sitting

□ Sitting = Superiority, 1-2

□ Sitting = Finality, 8-10

□ Sitting = Victory, 12



### Saving the Best for Last

- Better than prophets Piecemeal; Matt. 21
- □ Better than angels His Title; His Position

# What's the Big Deal?

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

The value of the <u>message</u> is connected to the value and position of the <u>messenger</u> who delivers it!

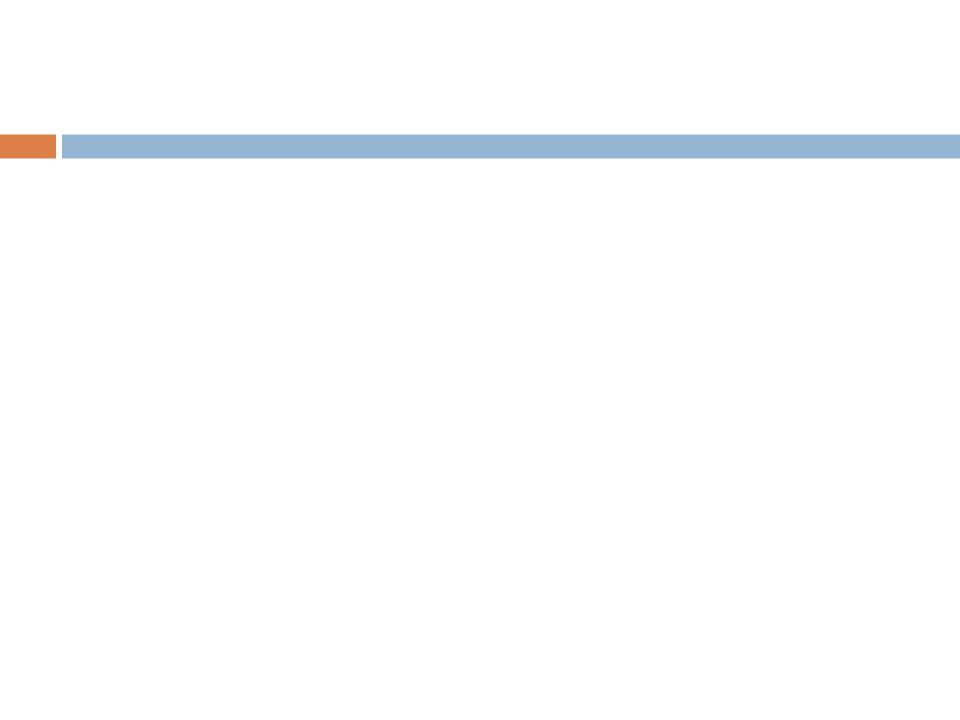
#### NT versus OT

- May repeat
- May heighten
- May override

■ What angels say is important — but not as important as what Christ the Son says.

## A People or an Angel?

- People are destined to rule the world!
- Christ became a people to restore and enable people to rule as originally planned!
  - Would you rather be a people or an angel?



# Special Studies

The Five Warning Passages
The Faith Chapter (11)
All the "Betters"
All the "Let Us" texts
The Symbolism of Sitting

# Warning Passages

□ <u>Text</u>

2:1-4

□ 3:7-12

□ 6:1-8

10:26-31

12:25-29

The Point

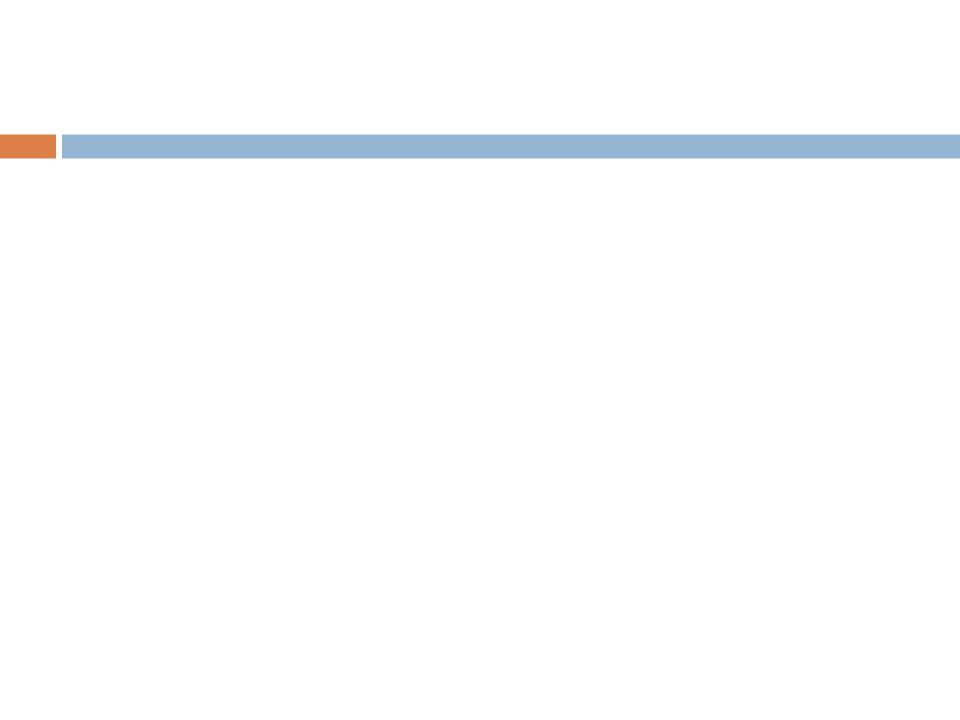
**Drifting** 

Doubting

**Dullness** 

Despising

Defying



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#### Get Some Rest!

- □ Hebrews 3 Moses
- □ Hebrews 4 Joshua

#### Rest =

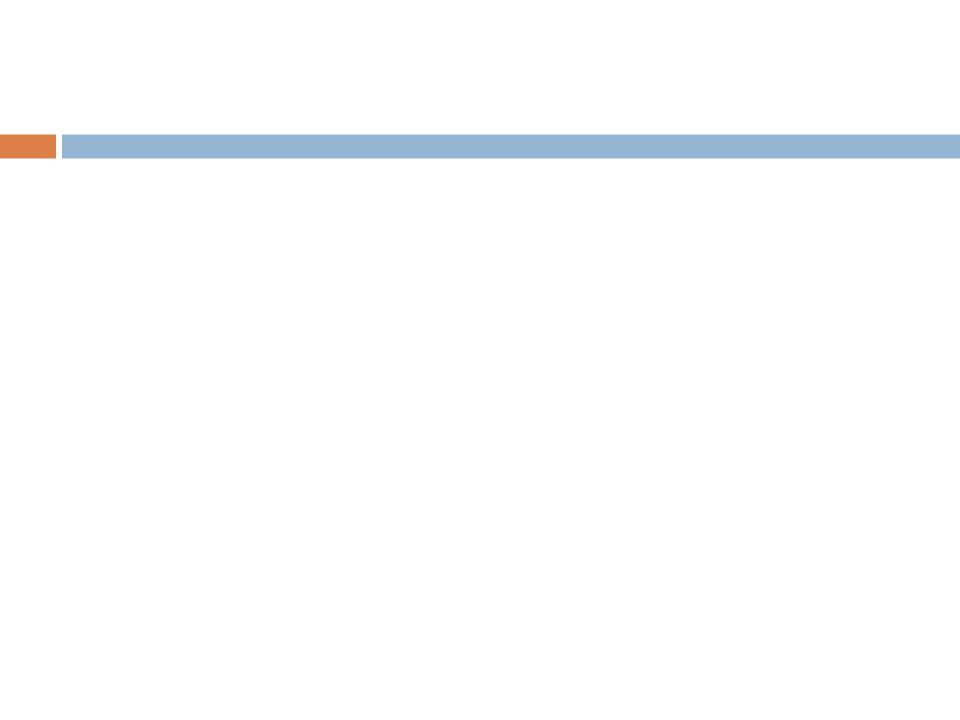
- Not Inactivity, but
- Spiritual Bliss in the Will of God

#### Five Occasions

- Creation Rest
- □ Canaan Rest
- Kingdom Rest
- □ Salvation Rest
- Millenial Rest

#### Matthew 11:28-30

- Marital Bliss
- □ Spiritual Bliss



# The Danger of Dullness

□ Hebrews 5 -6

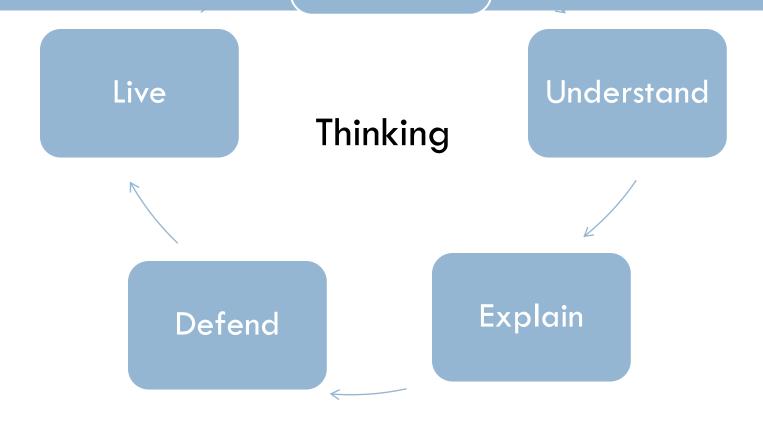
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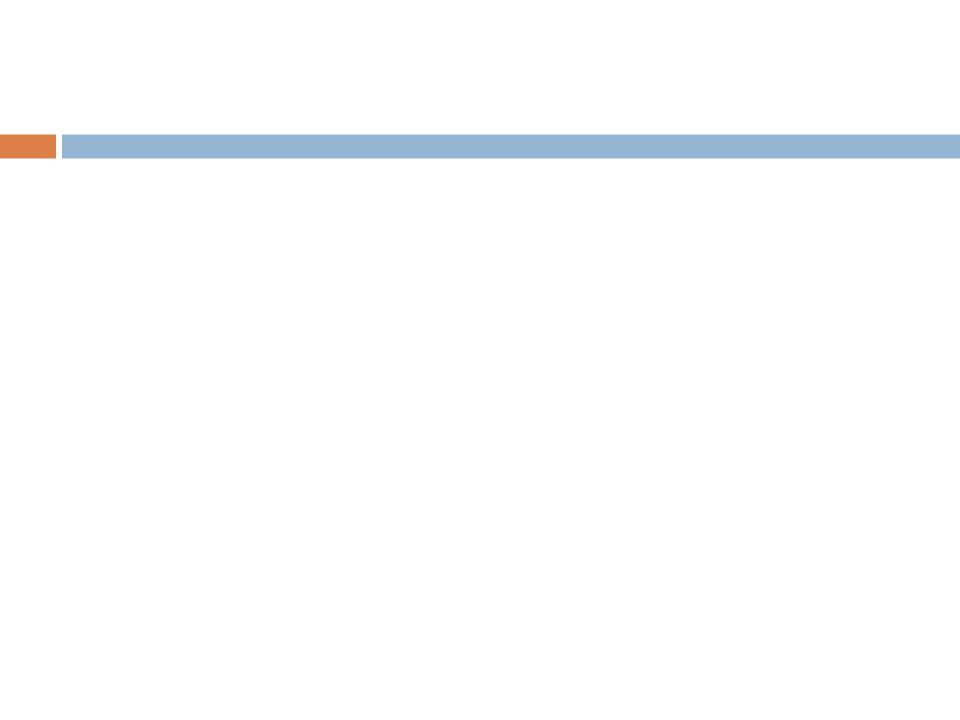
#### What Does Dullness Look Like?

Dullness has something to do with:

Remember



#### How Do I Get Over Dullness?



### A Better Representative

□ Hebrews 7-8

### A Masterstroke in his argument

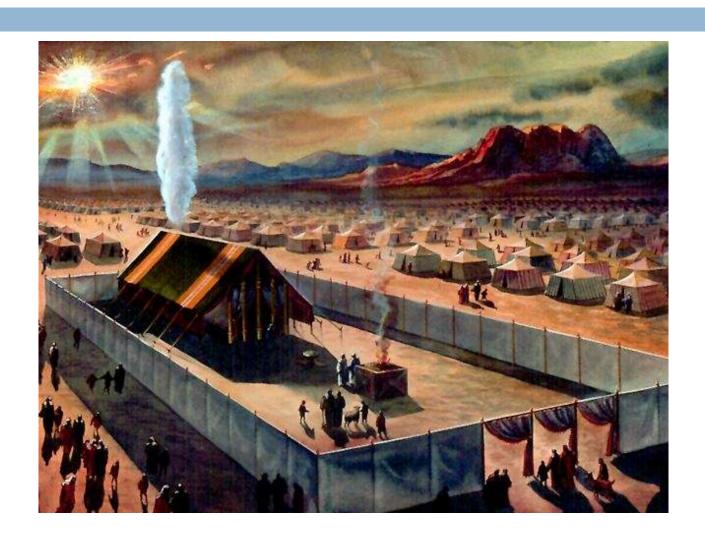
How does connecting Christ to Melchizedek make Christ a better high priest than Aaron and his sons?

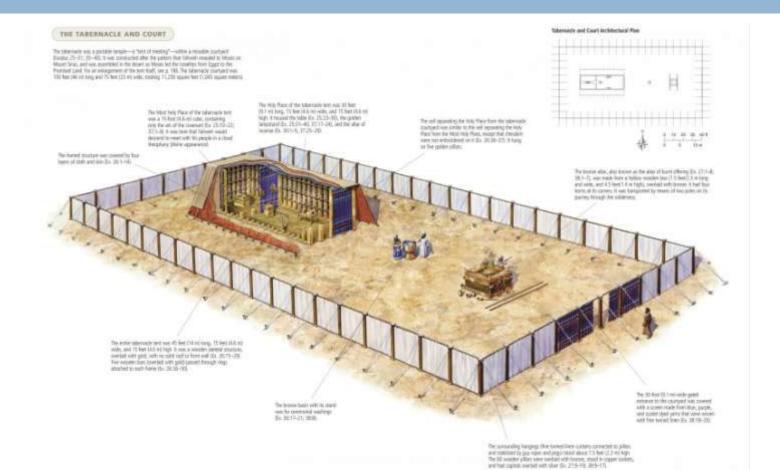
#### ■ Melchisedek is Better because...

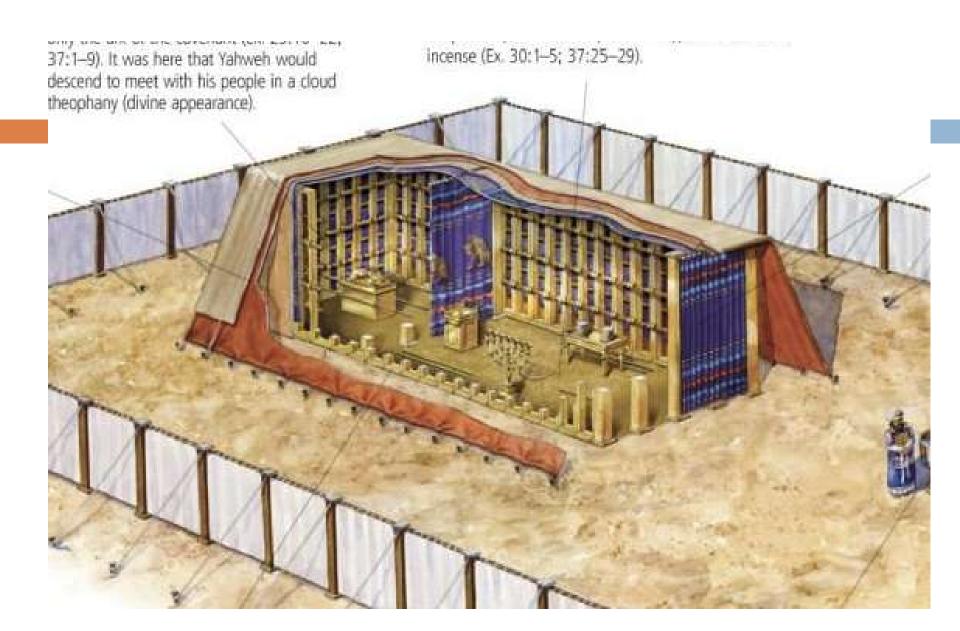
7:1-10

7:11-19

7:20-28







### 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)

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External/Internal
   ■Animal / Human
  Unwilling / Willing
 Covered / Removed
Repeated / Once for all
   Standing / Sitting
    □Gone / In Place
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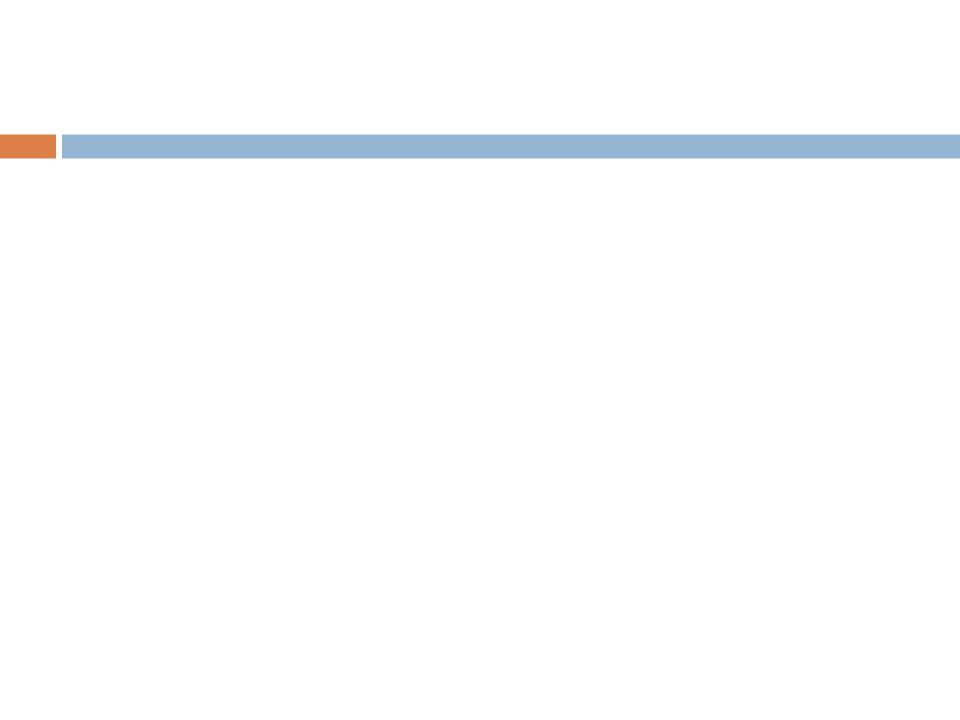
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#### Christ's Blood:

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

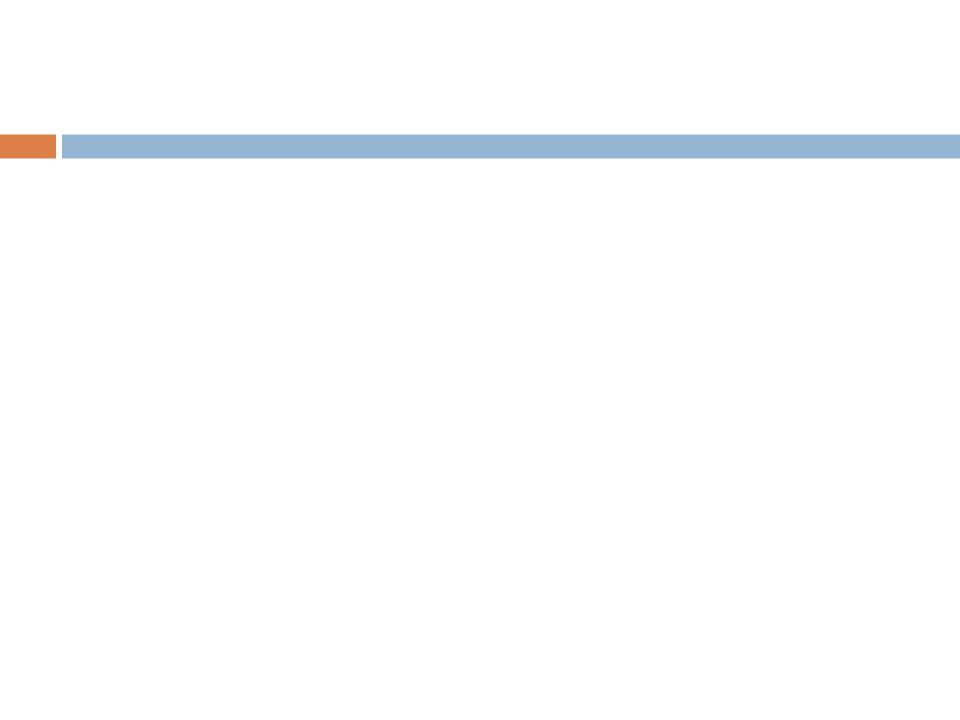
□ A Call to Commradery

## Concluding Calls – Hebrews 13

A Call to Identification

□ A Call to Separation

□ A Call to Celebration



#### The Thirteen "Betters"

- 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 "Betters"

- 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

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