

sermon notes

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Sept 11, 2022 | "Let's Study Hebrews Together" | **Hebrews 1:1**

1) Who wrote the book of Hebrews?

- The _____
- An _____ human author

2) When did the author write this book?

- Approximately _____
- Before the destruction of the _____

3) Where was it written and to whom was it written?

- From an _____ location
- To a group of Hellenized Jewish _____ (in Rome?)
who were tempted to _____ their faith

4) Why was this book written?

- To emphasize the _____ of _____
- To encourage a group of Jewish Christians to
_____ in _____

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

How familiar are you with the Book of Hebrews? Are there any passages in this book that you have memorized and can recite off the cuff? Are there any passages that have made an impact on you and your Christian walk?

Who wrote the book of Hebrews? To whom was it written? When was it written? Why was it written? What are its major themes? Access a study bible or commentary for help answering these questions and/or watch the Bible Project video on this book:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/hebrews/>

Do a search for the number of times the word "better" (Greek κρείττων meaning "superior" or "greater") is used in Hebrews. You can do this by going to <https://www.esv.org/search/>.

Why does the author use this word repeatedly in the book of Hebrews? What contrast is being created (i.e. who is better than whom/what)?

GET PERSONAL

For the next several months, our church will be studying the book of Hebrews. What are you most excited about learning in this book? Is there anything that you are apprehensive about studying? Take a few moments now to pray and ask God to transform you by the study of his Word. Ask him to mature you in specific ways. Ask him to mature the church in specific ways and make us all stronger disciples of Jesus Christ.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Pick a well-known verse or passage from Hebrews to memorize during this series (e.g. Heb 1:1-4; 4:12; 4:15; 10:19-22; 10:24-25; 11:1-3; 11:6; 12:1-2; 13:8). Why are these passages worthy of memorization? Find another person (or recruit all the people in your small group) to join you in memorizing some of these verses. Recite them to each other periodically.

ADVANCED QUESTION

The church father Tertullian (AD 155-220) thought that Barnabas wrote Hebrews. The reformer Martin Luther (AD 1483-1546) thought that Apollos wrote it. Many throughout church history have suggested the Apostle Paul. Others have suggested Clement of Rome, Silas, Philip, Priscilla, Jude, Luke, and even Mary. Who do you think is the most likely candidate as author of this book? Does it even matter? Why would the author not identify himself in the book? Why would God keep this book anonymous for all these years?