The Book of Hebrews

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Background

2:1 We ought to heed his words because he is higher than the angels

The Scripture speaks of him as the son of God

There was a penalty for disobeying the law and there is a greater penalty for disregarding the words of Christ

- 2:8 God put all things in subjection to him.
- 2:14 He partook of flesh and blood
- 2:17 He took on the seed of Abraham.
- 2:17 He was made a high priest so as to provide reconciliation.
- 2:18 He was tempted
- 3:1 Consider him as the High Priest of our profession.
- 3:2 He was more worthy than Moses.
- 3:7 Don't harden you hearts as did the fathers in the wilderness.
- 3:11 They failed to enter into the rest—there remains a rest—Jesus is that rest.
- 4:1 Fear to fail to enter into the rest.
- 4:2 Faith was their failure and would be again.
- 4:14 we have a great high priest passed in to the heavens.
- 5:1 He is superior to carnal high priests.
- 5:5 God made him a high priest
- 5:8 He learned obedience through the things he suffered.
- 5:11 Their ears are dull to hear and understand.
- 6:12 follow the example of those who inherited the promise to Abraham.
- 6:18 Two immutable things—we have strong consolation
- 6:20 Our priest is entered into the veil.
- 7:1 Melchisedec was a special priest with special credentials not related to Moses
- 7:15 Jesus is of the same order
- 7:18 disannulling of the commandment
- 7:22 Jesus is made a surety of a better testament.

Unchangeable priesthood

- 7:25 saves to the uttermost for he never dies
- 8:1 To sum it up—our high priest is set on the right hand of the majesty on high

True tabernacle

- 8:3 Priests offer gifts and sacrifices; so does this man.
- 8:5 Earthly priests are pictures
- 8:6 more excellent ministry of a better covenant established on better promises
- 8:7 The Scripture reveals that the first covenant would pass away for one better.

Hebrews 1:1-14

1 God, who at sundry times [by many portions, by many times and in many ways] and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these <u>last [last in time or succession] days [the days of the end]</u> **spoken unto us by his Son**; [There won't be any further speaking. Parable of the Householder and his vineyard], whom he hath <u>appointed [to be assigned or placed by another] heir of all things... [You had better consider Jesus, for he is in the place of prominence],</u>

...by whom also he made the worlds; [It starts and finishes with Jesus—rather important, whouldn't you say?] Colossians 1:16-17

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

3 Who being the brightness [See brightness study] of his glory, and the express [precise reproduction in every respect] image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power,

Psalm 33:6-9

- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

Colossians 1:16-17

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when he had <u>by himself</u> purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 Being made so much better than the angels [by the Divine decree, which follows], as he hath by <u>inheritance</u> obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?

Psalm 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee

Matthew 3:17

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

1 Chronicles 17:11-14 [Nathan to David]

- 11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.
- 12 He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever.
- 13 <u>I will be his father, and he shall be my son</u>: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee:
- 14 But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.
- 6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels [no verse] of God worship him. [He said this to angels. Since Jesus was in human form, they needed a clear statement that it was alright to worship this human.]

Psalm 89:27 Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

Psalm 104:4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Psalm 45:6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness <u>above thy fellows</u>.

Psalm 45:7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Psalm 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

Isaiah 50: 9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who *is* he *that* shall condemn me? lo, they all shall <u>wax old as</u> a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

Isaiah 51:6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall <u>wax old like a garment</u>, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

12 And as a <u>vesture shalt thou fold them up</u> [Addition], and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Psalm 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

- 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
- 3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- 4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Psalm 103:21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Psalm 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. ...heirs...

Mt 21:38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, <u>This is the heir;</u> come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

Ge 15:4 And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine <u>heir</u>; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine <u>heir</u>.

Ge 21:10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be <u>heir</u> with my son, *even* with Isaac.

Ga 4:30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

Ro 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the <u>heir of the world</u>, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Ga 4:1 Now I say, *That* the <u>heir, as long as he is a child</u>, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

Galatians 4:

1Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

- 2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.
- 3 Even so we, when we were children, <u>were in bondage</u> under the elements of the world: 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, <u>made of a woman</u>, made under the law,
- 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
- 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
- 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed <u>heir of all things</u>, by whom also he made the worlds;

Hebrews 2

This is an appeal to the Jews to take note of the Christian's responsibility to give greater heed to the words of Christ than to the words of angels.

Hebrews 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

- 2 For if the word spoken by angels [who were ministers and flames of fire] was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;
- 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;
- 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

5. Hebrews 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. **2 Peter 3:13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man [mortal sons of Adam], that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man [son of man is capitalized when it is in reference to Christ], that thou visitest him?

Genesis 50:24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely <u>visit you</u>, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Luke 1:68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath <u>visited</u> and redeemed his people,

Luke 1:78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us

Luke 7:16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

Psalm 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with <u>glory and honour</u>. **Romans 2:7** To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for <u>glory and honour</u> and immortality, eternal life:

Revelation 4:9-11 And when those beasts give <u>glory and honour</u> and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive <u>glory and honour</u> and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 21:24-26 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

- 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.
- 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

John 3:35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

John 13:3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

1 Corinthians 15:26-28 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him, it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Ephesians 1:17-23 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the <u>Father of glory</u>, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

- 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
- 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
- 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Revelation 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and <u>honour</u>, and <u>glory</u>, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Philippians 2:7-9 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Galatians 4:4-6 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

- 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
- 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Ephesians 1:5-6 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

1 John 3:1-2 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Hebrews 5:8-9 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

- 12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.
- 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.
- 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;
- 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.
- 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
- 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews

- Heb 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and <u>High Priest</u> of our profession, Christ Jesus;
- 2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses [was faithful] in all his house.
- 3 For this [man] was counted <u>worthy of more glory</u> than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath <u>builded the house</u> hath more honour than the house.

- 4 For every house is builded by some [man]; but he that built all things [is] God.
- 5 And Moses verily [was] faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;
- 6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, <u>if we hold fast</u> the <u>confidence and the rejoicing</u> of the hope firm unto the end.
- 7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:
- 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.
- 10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in [their] heart; and they have not known my ways.

Psalm 78:40-41

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! 41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

11 So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

Psalm 95:1-11 O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. 3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. 5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. 6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. 10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: 11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Numbers 14:1-35

And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel <u>murmured against Moses</u> and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, <u>Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt!</u> or would God we had died in this wilderness! 3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us <u>to return into Egypt</u>? 4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. 6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: 7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. 8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not. 10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them? 12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they. 13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;) 14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night. 15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, 16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness. 17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, 18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. 19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: 21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. 22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which

I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: 24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. 25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea. 26 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. 28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: 29 Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, 30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. 32 But as for you, your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness, 33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness. 34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. 35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

- 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.
- 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
- 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;
- 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.
- 16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.
- 17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? [was it] not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness?
- 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?
- 19 So we see that they could not enter in [to the rest] because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4

- 4:1 Let us therefore <u>fear</u>, lest, a promise being left [us] of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.
- 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard [it].
- 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.
- 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh [day] on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.
- 5 And in this [place] again, If they shall enter into my rest.
- 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:
- 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
- 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.
- 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
- 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God [did] from his.
- 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

- 12 For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things [are] naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
- 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] profession.
- 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin.
- 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 5

- 5:1 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things [pertaining] to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:
- 2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.
- 3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.
- 4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as [was] Aaron.
- 5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. [Ps 2:7]
- 6 As he saith also in another [place], Thou [art] a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. [Gen 14:18] Psalm 110:1-7
 - 1 The LORD said unto my Lord, <u>Sit thou at my right hand</u>, <u>until I make thine enemies thy footstool</u>. 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. 3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. 4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, <u>Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek</u>. 5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. 6 He shall <u>judge among the heathen</u>, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries. 7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.
- 7 Who in the <u>days of his flesh</u>, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;
- 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Hebrews 2:18

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

- **9** And being made perfect, [Complete, brought to fruition, finished, accomplished, brought to an end]
 - 2 Corinthians 12:9
 - 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made <u>perfect</u> [same Greek word] in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Luke 13:32
 - 32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be <u>perfected</u>.

he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

- 10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.
- 11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.
- 12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which [be] the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have <u>need of milk</u>, and not of strong meat.

1 Corinthians 3:1-2

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

1 Peter 2:2-3

- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere <u>milk of the word</u>, that ye may grow thereby: 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
- 13 For every one that useth milk [is] unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
- 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 6

- 6:1 <u>Therefore</u> leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
- 2 Of the doctrine of <u>baptisms</u>, and of <u>laying on of hands</u>, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
- 3 And this will we do, if God permit.

The Seven Baptisms

The clearest example that shows the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C. It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (bapto) into boiling water and then 'baptised' (baptizo) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptising the vegetable, produces a permanent change.

When used in the New Testament, this word more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism. e.g. Mark 16:16. 'He that believes and is baptised shall be saved'. Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with him, a real change, like the vegetable to the pickle! Bible Study Magazine, James Montgomery Boice, May 1989.

- JOHN'S Mark 1:4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.
 - Acts 13:24 When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.
 - Acts 19:3-5 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- MOSES 1 Corinthians 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- CHRIST'S DEATH Matthew 20:22-23 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. 23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.
 - Luke 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!
- **FIRE Matthew 3:11** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the **Holy Ghost**, and with **fire:**
- WITH THE HOLY GHOST Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.
- INTO ONE BODY Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
 - Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
 - 1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
 - **Colossians 2:12** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

• **NEW TESTAMENT WATER Acts 2:41** Then they that gladly received his word were **baptized:** and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls. **Acts 19:3-5** And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Tradition has a way of clouding and sometimes totally obscuring the meaning of words. The word baptize has taken on such significance in the Christian circles that he has nearly fallen out of common use. You will occasionally here a news commentary or a politician speak of one receiving his

Ephesians 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Hebrews 6:2 Of the doctrine of **baptisms** [note that it is plural], and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God.) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

There is a singular doctrine that covers "baptisms (more than one)" and yet we are told that there is only "one baptism." The scripture speaks of seven baptisms, so which one is the real and which ones are symbols of that real baptism?

1 Corinthians 1:14-17 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; 15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. 16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

Laying on of hands

Acts 6:5-7

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they <u>laid their hands on them.</u> 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Acts 13:2-3

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and <u>laid their hands on them</u>, they sent them away.

Acts 19:6

6 And when Paul had <u>laid his hands upon them</u>, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

1 Timothy 4:14

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the <u>laying on of the hands</u> of the presbytery.

2 Timothy 1:6

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the <u>putting on of my hands</u>.

Acts 28:8

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and <u>laid his hands</u> on him, and healed him.

4 For [it is] impossible for those who were once enlightened,

Hebrews 10:32

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were <u>illuminated</u>, ye endured a great fight of afflictions:

and have tasted the heavenly gift,

Hebrews 2:9

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should <u>taste death</u> for every man.

and were made partakers

Hebrews 3:1

Wherefore, holy brethren, <u>partakers</u> of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

of the Holy Ghost,

5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

Hebrews 1:3

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his <u>power</u>, [dunamis] when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

8 But that which beareth thorns and briers [is] rejected, and [is] nigh unto cursing; whose end [is] to be burned

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that <u>accompany</u> salvation, though we thus speak.

10 For God [is] not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Promise

Psalm 105:42 For he remembered his holy promise, *and* Abraham his servant.

Luke 1:67-80 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

72 To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

1Acts 13:23 Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

Romans 4:13-21 For the <u>promise</u>, that he should be the heir of the world, *was* not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

16 Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the <u>promise</u> might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

19He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

20And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Romans 9:8-9 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the <u>promise</u> are counted for the seed.

9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.

Galatians 3:16-29 Now to Abraham and his seed were the <u>promises</u> made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

17 And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

19 Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the <u>promise</u> was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

20 Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one.

Is the law then against the <u>promises</u> of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

21But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the <u>promise</u> by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

22But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

23Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Ephesians 3:6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his <u>promise</u> in Christ by the gospel:

1 John 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, 14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his <u>seed</u> were the <u>promises</u> made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Genesis 22:17-18 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Genesis 26:3-4 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; 4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

Genesis 28:13-14 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy <u>seed shall be as the dust of the earth,</u> and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and <u>in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.</u>

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation [is] to them an end of all strife.

17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed [it] by an oath:

18 That by <u>two immutable things</u>, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19 Which [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, [even] Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 7

- 7:1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;
- 2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;
- 3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.
- 4 Now consider how great this man [was], unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.
- 5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:
- 6 But he whose descent is not counted from them [Melchisedec] received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.
- 7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.
- 8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he [receiveth them], of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.
- 9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.
- 10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.
- 11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need [was there] that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

Psalm 110:1-7

- 1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
- 3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- 4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
- 5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.
- 7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.
- 12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.
- 13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.
- 14 For [it is] evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.
 - Genesis 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.
- 15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,
- 16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.
- 17 For he testifieth, Thou [art] a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
- 18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.
- 19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope [did]; by the which we draw nigh unto God.
- 20 And inasmuch as not without an oath [he was made priest]:
- 21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou [art] a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)
- 22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.
- 23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:
- 24 But this [man], because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

- 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
- 26 For such an high priest became us, [who is] holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
- 27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.
- 28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, [maketh] the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.
- 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken [this is] the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;
- 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.
- 3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore [it is] of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.
- 4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:
- 5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, [that] thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.
- 6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.
- 7 For if that first [covenant] had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.
- 8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:
- 9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.
- 10 For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:
- 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.
- 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.
- 13 In that he saith, A new [covenant], he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old [is] ready to vanish away.
- 9:1 Then verily the first [covenant] had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.
- 2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein [was] the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.
- 3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;
- 4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein [was] the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;
- 5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.
- 6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service [of God].
- 7 But into the second [went] the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and [for] the errors of the people:
- 8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:
- 9 Which [was] a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;
- 10 [Which stood] only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed [on them] until the time of reformation.
- 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;
- 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us].

- 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:
- 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.
- 16 For where a testament [is], there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.
- 17 For a testament [is] of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.
- 18 Whereupon neither the first [testament] was dedicated without blood.
- 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,
- 20 Saying, This [is] the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.
- 21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.
- 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.
- 23 [It was] therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.
- 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, [which are] the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:
- 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;
- 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.
- 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
- 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.
- 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, [and] not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.
- 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.
- 3 But in those [sacrifices there is] a remembrance again [made] of sins every year.
- 4 For [it is] not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
- 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

Psalm 40:6-8

- 6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
- 7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,
- 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.
- 6 In burnt offerings and [sacrifices] for sin thou hast had no pleasure.
- 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.
- 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and [offering] for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure [therein]; which are offered by the law;
- 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.
- 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once [for all].
- 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
- 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;
- 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

Psalm 110:1

- 1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
- 15 [Whereof] the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,
- 16 This [is] the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Jeremiah 31:

- 31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
- 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:
- 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.
- 18 Now where remission of these [is, there is] no more offering for sin.
- 19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
- 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;
- 21 And [having] an high priest over the house of God;
- 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
- 23 Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith without wavering; (for he [is] faithful that promised;)
- 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
- 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
- 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,
- 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.
- 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:
- 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?
- 30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance [belongeth] unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.
- 31 [It is] a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- 32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions:
- 33 Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.
- 34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.
- 35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.
- 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.
- 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.
- 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if [any man] draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.
- 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.
- 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.
- 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
- 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.
- 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.
- 6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

- 7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.
- 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.
- 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as [in] a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:
- 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker [is] God.
- 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.
- 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, [so many] as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.
- 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of [them], and embraced [them], and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
- 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.
- 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that [country] from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.
- 16 But now they desire a better [country], that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.
- 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten [son],
- 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:
- 19 Accounting that God [was] able to raise [him] up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.
- 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.
- 21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, [leaning] upon the top of his staff.
- 22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.
- 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw [he was] a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.
- 24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;
- 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;
- 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.
- 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.
- 28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.
- 29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry [land]: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.
- 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.
- 31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.
- 32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and [of] Barak, and [of] Samson, and [of] Jephthae; [of] David also, and Samuel, and [of] the prophets:
- 33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
- 35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:
- 36 And others had trial of [cruel] mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
- 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

- 38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and [in] mountains, and [in] dens and caves of the earth.
- 39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:
- 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.
- 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
- 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 is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.
- 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.
- 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
- 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.
- 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
- 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.
- 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected [us], and we gave [them] reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?
- 10 For they verily for a few days chastened [us] after their own pleasure; but he for [our] profit, that [we] might be partakers of his holiness.
- 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.
- 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;
- 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.
- 14 Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
- 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble [you], and thereby many be defiled;
- 16 Lest there [be] any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.
- 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.
- 18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,
- 19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which [voice] they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:
- 20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:
- 21 And so terrible was the sight, [that] Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)
- 22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
- 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,
- 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than [that of] Abel.
- 25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more [shall not] we [escape], if we turn away from him that [speaketh] from heaven:
- 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
- 27 And this [word], Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
- 29 For our God [is] a consuming fire.
- 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.
- 2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

- 3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; [and] them which suffer adversity, as being vourselves also in the body.
- 4 Marriage [is] honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.
- 5 [Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; [and be] content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
- 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord [is] my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.
- 7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of [their] conversation.
- 8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.
- 9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For [it is] a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.
- 10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.
- 11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.
- 12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.
- 13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.
- 14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.
- 15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of [our] lips giving thanks to his name.