Hebrews

- **Main subject**
  - Jesus, the Great High Priest (5-7)
  - The New Covenant (8:1-10:18)

- **Main purpose**
  - “I urge you to bear with the word of exhortation” (13:22)
  - 3½ chapters of application (10:19-13:19)
  - Benediction (13:20-25)

- **Main audience**
  - A Jewish church . . . a new and living way (10:20)
  - The Law is not able to perfect/finish (7:19; John 17:4)
  - The Old Covenant has disappeared (8:13; 10:9)
  - A mixed audience – unbelievers and weak believers

- **An apostolic sermon**
Hebrews – Outline

- Introduction (1:1-4)
- Jesus is God and Man (1:5-2:18)
  - Greater than angels (1:5-14)
  - Exhortation (2:1-4)
  - Less than angels (2:5-18)
- Jesus is Apostle and High Priest of our Confession (3-7)
  - Apostle (3:1-6) – compared to Moses
  - Exhortation (3:7-4:16)
  - High Priest (5:1-10)
  - Exhortation (5:11-6:20)
  - High Priest in the Order of Melchizedek (7)
- The New Covenant (8:1-10:18)
- The New and Living Way (10:19-13:19)
- Benediction (13:20-25)
Our Great High Priest - Hebrews 5

- The high priest – job description (5:1-4)
- Jesus, the Great High Priest – qualified (5:5-10)
- Introduction to exhortation and warning (5:11-14)
The High Priest (5:1-4)

- The Levitical priesthood is the pattern
- Taken from among men
  - Represents men before God
  - Leviticus 16:33 – “for the priests and for all the people of the assembly”
- Mediate things pertaining to God
  - Mediation to bring us to God – by gifts and sacrifices to God
  - A work of propitiating/pacifying the wrath of God
  - Annual Day of Atonement – High Priest entered the presence of God
- Identified with the people – shared their frailties and sin
- Chosen by God
  - Not qualified
  - Not able to solve the problem of sin
Jesus, the High Priest (5:5-10)

- Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest
  - Psalm 2:7 – My Son – Begotten today
  - Psalm 110:4 – Priest forever – order of Melchizedek
- Taken from among men – “In the days of His flesh”
  - Cried out to the Father
  - Heard because of His piety (“He feared” AV)
  - Not suffering for sin
  - Suffering because of the Father’s ways
- Learned obedience through suffering
  - Word of God or Ways of God
  - Faith
- Having been made perfect – finished the course
- Appointed by God to order of Melchizedek
Exhortation Begins (5:11-14)

- Putting off discussion of the Order of Melchizedek
- Congregation was “dull of hearing”
  - Spiritual death
  - Spiritual indolence
- Needed to be teachers
- Forgot the fundamentals
- Need milk – word of righteousness
- Need maturity – solid food – discern good and evil
Our Great High Priest

- God – partakers of the Divine nature
- Man – dull of hearing
- Perfected through suffering – trusting in the Father
- Our Great High Priest is bringing many sons to glory