

## "Hebrews and Its Message"

Hebrews 2:1-2b

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### I. Hebrews Introduced

- A. Hebrews gets its name from its original recipients: Jewish believers in Jesus.
- B. Hebrews is a letter (epistle), though it might have originally been a sermon which was then written down and circulated.
- C. Hebrews' author is hard to pinpoint (maybe Paul...maybe not).

### II. Hebrews' Message

- A. Despite the hostility you are facing, do not turn away from Christ and return to Judaism.

*Hebrews 12:3-4* - <sup>3</sup> Consider him [Jesus] who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. <sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

- B. Remember that Christ is superior to the angels, to Moses, to the priesthood, and to the sacrificial system.
- C. Remember that God will judge those who profess Christ and then turn away.

### III. Hebrews' Relevance to Us

- A. Growing hostility toward Christ in our own culture can tempt us to choose an easier path too.
- B. Christ's superiority of the trappings of Old Testament Judaism is reflected in His superiority over similar paths today.
- C. We too should take seriously Hebrews' warnings about the consequences of abandoning Christ.