

HEBREWS: AN INTRODUCTION AND ORIENTATION

Selected Scriptures

Disunity, complacency, apathy, immorality, immaturity, lethargy, idolatry, insecurity, adversity, and apostasy. There are so many spiritual diseases that can plague God's people, sin-wrought infections that hinder us from growing and serving and enjoying and worshipping and witnessing as we ought to do. And yet, as various as these sicknesses present, as contagious as these infections can be, and as dangerous as these ailments are, they all share a treatment and have a common remedy: a clearer, fuller, grander view of Jesus Christ. Whatever hardships, disappointments, failures, and discouragements face the people of God, the prescription always includes "more Jesus." The clearer our view of Jesus, the fuller our understanding of Jesus, the grander our conception of Jesus, the more equipped we are to faithfully endure whatever spiritual diseases come our way.

The AUTHOR of Hebrews 1:1; 13:18–19

The AUDIENCE of Hebrews

- Jewish 3:3; 7:11; 8:13
9:9–10, 11; 10:4

- Believers 1:1–2; 3:1, 12; 4:14–16; 5:12
10:10, 19; 12:1–4; 13:22–23

The OCCASION of Hebrews 2:1, 18; 3:6, 12–14
10:32–34, 35; 12:4

The ARGUMENT of Hebrews

The ENCOURAGEMENT from Hebrews 11:1–2; John 6:67–69