

"Are You Short of Spiritual Breath?" Introduction to Hebrews

Background

- Date: Unknown
- Author: Unknown
- Audience: Unknown
 - Believers
 - Jews
 - House church
 - Persecuted
 - Tempted

Overview

- Theme: The supremacy and sufficiency of God's Son
- Purpose: To exhort and encourage struggling believers to remain loyal to Jesus Christ
- Argument: Don't turn back because...
 - The Son of God is superior
 - The Son of God is sufficient
 - We need one another
 - There are serious consequences (the carrot is GOOD, but the stick is BAD)
- Structure
 - Son of God, King; 1-4
 - Son of God, Priest; 5-10
 - People of God, faithful; 11-13

WARNINGS

- Don't drift 2:1-4
- Don't defect 3:7-4:13
- Don't regress 5:11-6:20
- Don't despise 10:26-31
- Don't refuse 12:25-29

Reasons for studying Hebrews

- Theology
- Application