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# HEBREWS: A QUICK OVERVIEW

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**Who wrote it?** An articulate, Jewish Christian

**When was it written?** Around the mid-60's A.D.

**Who were the recipients?** Followers of "The Way" who were highly educated in the Law and Prophets

**Why write it?** These Christians are facing cultural pressure to bend under persecution - to conform and adhere to the culture and slip back into the rituals of Judaism in order to escape mounting persecution even though they knew the truth of Scripture and the truth of who Jesus is.

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# Hebrews 1:1-4 (ESV)

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God's covenants have always  
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God has always been motivated to restore men and women to Himself, to know Him, and to have unity and communion with Him.

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# God wants to redeem and restore

- The restoration out of Egypt to the promised land
- The judges saving his people from oppression
- The kings of Israel and Judah to lead His people to rest from their enemies
- The restoration of Judah and Benjamin from their captivity in Babylon and Persia
- The promise of a redeeming Messiah

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The Old Testament (what Jesus called “the Law and the Prophets”) was given to us to reveal how God is making a path for His people to follow to a Redeemer.

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# Hebrews 10:10 (ESV)

*By (the will of God)* we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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# Matthew 5:7 (ESV)

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

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# HOW THE LORD IS GREAT

*by John Mark McMillan*

You hold the reins on the sun and the moon  
Like horses driven by kings  
You cover the mountains, the valleys below  
With the breadth of Your mighty wings

All treasures of wisdom and things to be known  
Are hidden inside Your hand  
And in this fortunate turn of events  
You ask me to be Your friend

And You,  
You are my first  
You are my last  
You are my future and my past

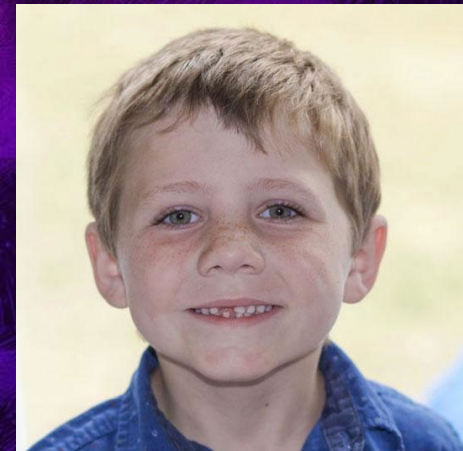
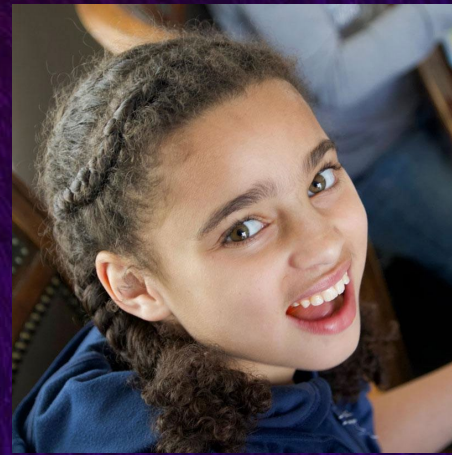
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Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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# Let us... #1

## Draw near to God.

**How?** With a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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# John 15:4 (ESV)

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

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Hold on to our confession of hope.

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1. katecho - to hold on to, to keep a tight grip, occupy, possess, or retain

2. akline - “that which does not bend” or “that which is straight”

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# A few distinctions of our faith

- Jesus fully man and fully God
- Resurrection of Jesus
- The Trinity
- Miracles
- Spiritual gifts
- We can actually know God
- God does speak to us today
- Creation of the world
- God made us male and female
- Sin
- The need for salvation/a redeemer
- We can't save ourselves through our own works
- Eternal reward and punishment
- Heaven and hell
- Sexual ethics (sex outside of the marriage between a man and woman is called "sexual immorality")
- Self-sacrificial living
- Valuing the gift of life at any stage of the human experience
- Prioritization of the vulnerable: poor, needy, widows, orphans, unborn
- Lavish generosity

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Our eternal hope is in the person  
and work of Jesus the Messiah.

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Let us... #3

Provoke one another to love and good works.

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**pro·voke** /prə'vōk/

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To rise up, to stir up, stimulate,  
arouse, or call forth

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# Let us... #3

Provoke one another to love and good works.  
How?

1. Continuing to meet with one another
2. Encouraging one another

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We *provoke* one another to love and good works by **meeting together** as like-minded followers of Jesus.

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*Building Community*  
**LIVING THE MISSION**

MOUNT HELENA COMMUNITY CHURCH

We provoke one another to love and good works by encouraging one another.

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# Let's encourage one another

1. Through positive support and reassurance
2. Through reproof and warning

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A censure, rebuke, or reprimand.

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If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. (1:23)

Do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, or the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights. (3:11-12)

The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence. (13:31-32)

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid. (12:1)

AND LOTS MORE...

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# Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV)

1. Let us draw near with a true heart
2. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope
3. Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good works by continuing to meet together and encouraging one another.

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# LET'S ASK:

1. What is one thing this week I can do to take a step toward God?
2. What is one belief I hold preventing me from stepping toward God?
3. Who is one godly person that I can ask to speak encouragement \*uwr r qtv"( "tgr tqqh into my life?

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