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***WALK THROUGH THE  
NEW TESTAMENT  
WITH PASTOR JIM REESE***

**Lesson 8**

**Paul's Pastoral Epistles  
-- I & II Timothy, Titus –  
and Hebrews**

# **WALK THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT**

## **TEN LESSONS:**

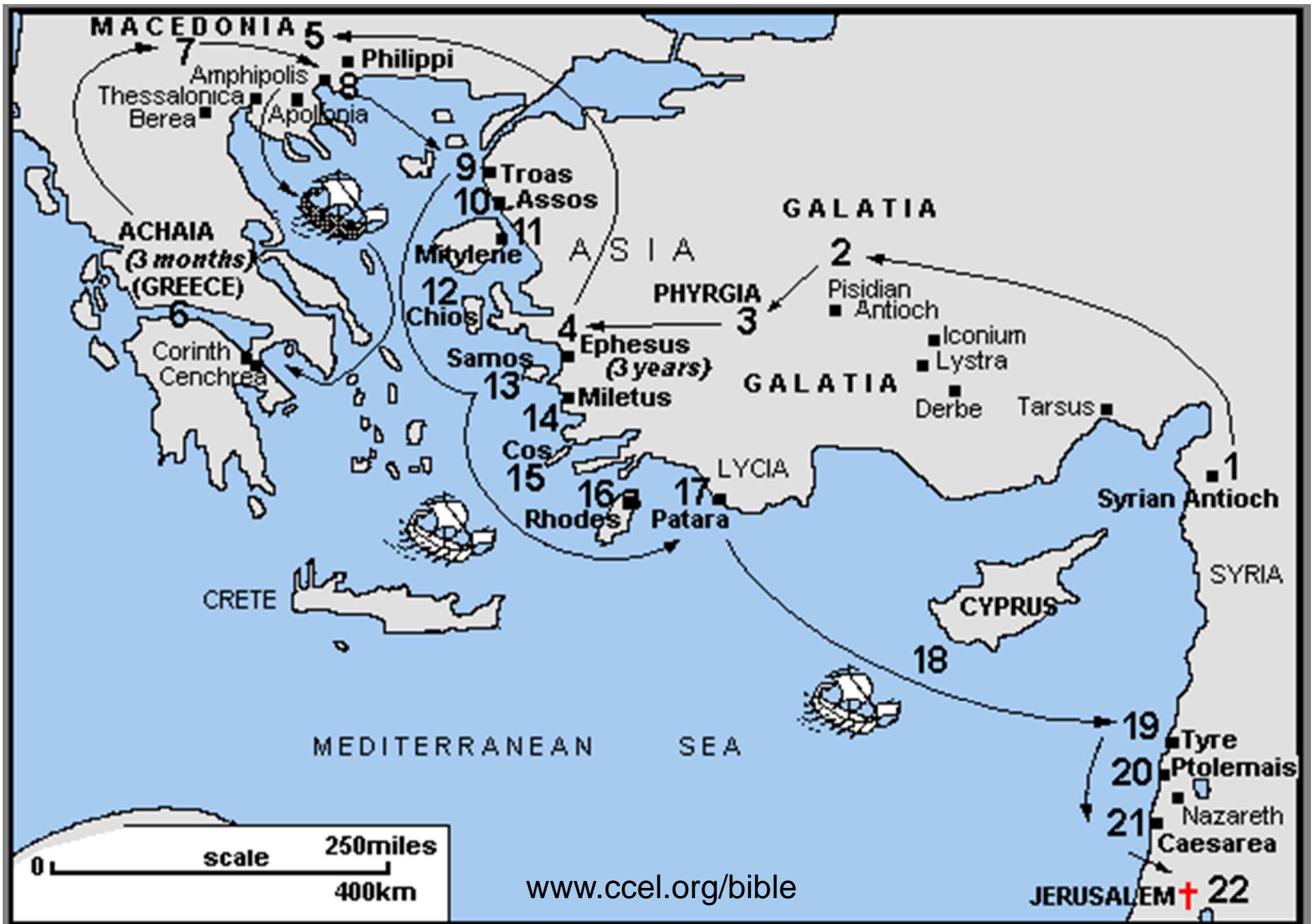
- 1. Overview and Relationship of the Old and New Testaments**
- 2. The Life of Christ: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**
- 3. The Life of Christ – The 4 Gospels: Part 2**
- 4. The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles**
- 5. The Epistle to the Romans**
- 6. The Epistles to the Corinthians and the Galatians**
- 7. The Prison Epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon) and I and II Thessalonians**
- 8. The Pastoral Epistles (I and II Timothy and Titus) and Hebrews**
- 9. The General Epistles: James to Jude**
- 10. The Revelation**

# THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

- The Apostle Paul saw the Gospel ministry as a team effort.
- He drew around him a number of fellow-servants whom he could coach to multiply his work.
- II Timothy 2:2 “*The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.*” (Note four generations of leaders here.)
- Timothy and Titus were two of Paul’s protégés.
- Like Jesus’ disciples, they traveled with their leader to learn, and then were sent out to do.

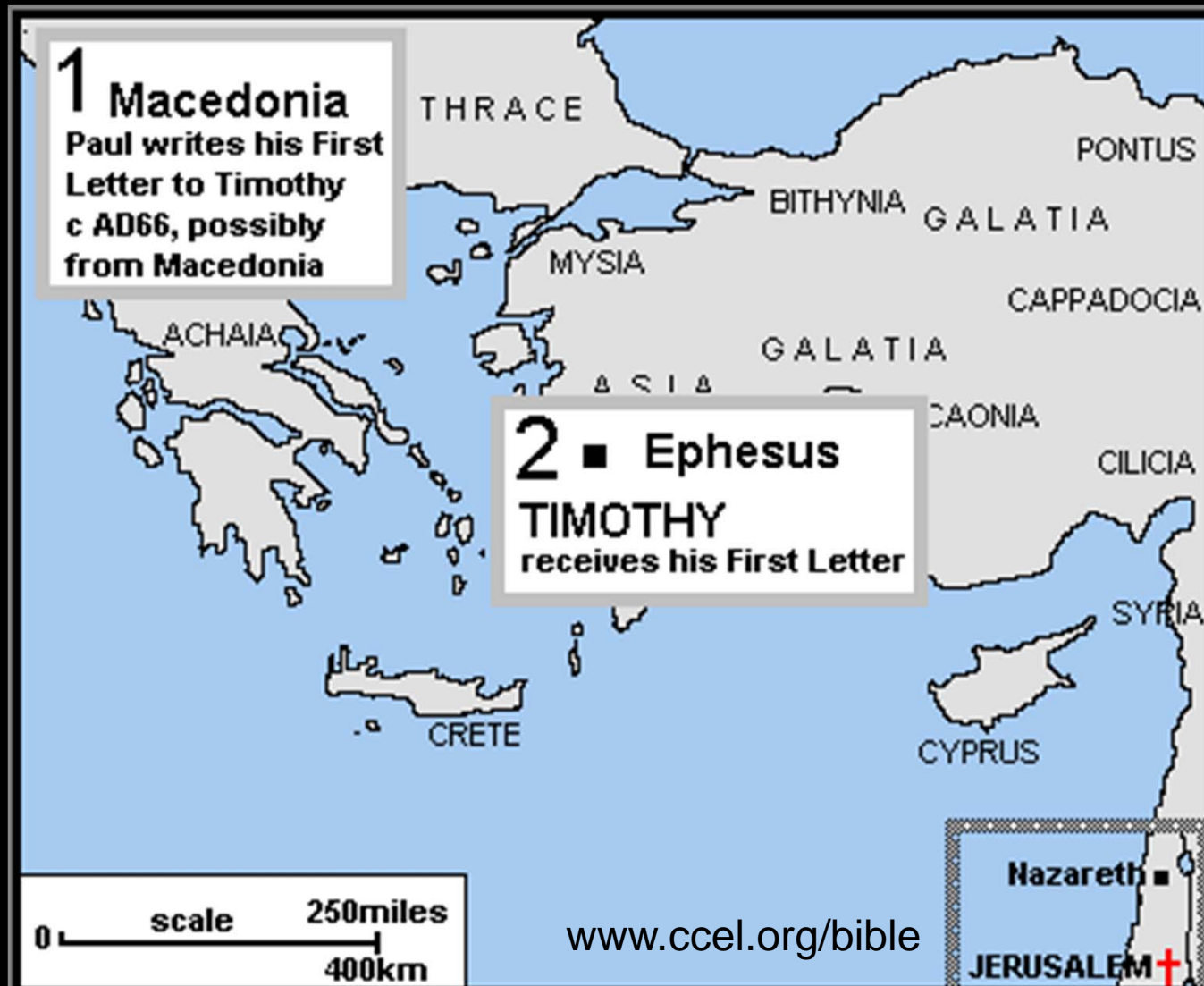
# WHO WAS TIMOTHY ?

- Timothy is a prime example of one who was influenced by godly relatives:
  - II Tim 1:5 – Faith of Grandmother Lois & Mother Eunice
  - 3:15 – “from infancy you’ve known the holy Scriptures”
  - He is the first “second generation” Christian in the NT.
- Paul first met Timothy in Lystra. Acts 16:1.
- He traveled with Paul on much of his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journeys.
- Paul had ministered in Ephesus for 3 years. Sometime later he appointed Timothy to be the pastor at Ephesus. I Tim. 1:3



Timothy accompanied Paul on much of his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journeys.

# Paul's First Letter to Timothy



# INTRODUCTION TO 1<sup>ST</sup> TIMOTHY

- Paul wrote his first letter to Timothy about 65-66 AD from Macedonia, during his release before his final Roman imprisonment, to give encouragement and to help Timothy deal with the many challenges in ministry.
- First Timothy is a personal letter and a leadership manual of church administration and discipline.
- Key Verse: I Timothy 4:12 *“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love in faith and in purity.”*



# OVERVIEW OF I TIMOTHY

Norman L. Geisler, A Popular Survey of the NT, Baker, p. 237-238, revised by JR

## INSTRUCTION ABOUT THE MINISTRY    Chaps. 1 – 3

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| <b>1. The ministry of the <u>Word</u></b> | <b>Chapter 1</b> |
| • <u>Warnings</u> about false teachers    | 1 – 11           |
| • Testimony of Paul's <u>conversion</u>   | 12 - 17          |
| • Challenge to be <u>faithful</u>         | 18 – 20          |
| <b>2. The ministry of <u>worship</u></b>  | <b>Chapter 2</b> |
| • The importance of <u>prayer</u> for all | 1 – 8            |
| • The role of <u>women</u>                | 9 - 15           |
| <b>3. The ministry of <u>workers</u></b>  | <b>Chapter 3</b> |
| • Requirements for <u>Overseers</u>       | 1 - 7            |
| • Requirements for <u>Deacons</u>         | 8 – 13           |
| • Requirements for <u>Members</u>         | 14 - 16          |

# OVERVIEW OF I TIMOTHY cont.

## INSTRUCTION ABOUT THE MINISTER Chaps. 4 – 6

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| <b>1. <u>Pattern</u> for the minister</b>    | <b>Chapter 4:1-5:2</b> |
| • <b>Good <u>teaching</u></b>                | <b>1 – 6</b>           |
| • <b>Good <u>training</u></b>                | <b>7 – 11</b>          |
| • <b>Good <u>testimony</u></b>               | <b>12 – 5:2</b>        |
| <b>2. <u>Principles</u> for the minister</b> | <b>Chapter 5:3-6:2</b> |
| • <b>Provision for <u>widows</u></b>         | <b>3 – 16</b>          |
| • <b>Standards for <u>elders</u></b>         | <b>17 – 25</b>         |
| • <b>Instructions for <u>servants</u></b>    | <b>6:1 - 2</b>         |
| <b>3. <u>Practices</u> of ministry</b>       | <b>Chapter 6</b>       |
| • <b>Godly <u>contentment</u></b>            | <b>3 – 10</b>          |
| • <b>Godly <u>confession</u></b>             | <b>11 – 16</b>         |
| • <b>Godly <u>giving</u></b>                 | <b>17 – 19</b>         |
| • <b>Godly <u>guarding</u></b>               | <b>20 – 21</b>         |

# WHO WAS TITUS ?

- Titus was a common Latin name in Paul's day.
- Both of Titus's parents were Greek. Gal. 2:3
- They may have lived in Antioch of Syria. Gal. 2:1
- He may have been converted through Paul's ministry. See Titus 1:4 "*my true son.*"
- He traveled much with Paul and was sent by Paul to Corinth to heal tensions. II Cor. 7:6, 13.
- Paul left him in Crete to strengthen the churches Paul had established there. Titus 1:5
- Titus later had ministry in Dalmatia. II Tim. 4:10

# Paul's Letter to Titus



# THE MEN TIMOTHY AND TITUS COMPARED

## Likenesses

Both were young and gifted,  
Both were co-workers of Paul,  
Both served in difficult churches.

## Differences

### Timothy

Half - Jew  
Circumcised by Paul Acts 16:3  
Served at Corinth & Ephesus  
Nervous/retiring personality  
Prominent in Acts

### Titus

Wholly Gentile  
Uncircumcised Gal.2:3  
Served at Corinth & Crete  
Strong/stern personality  
Not mentioned in Acts

# INTRODUCTION TO TITUS

- Paul had left Titus in Crete *“to straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town”* (Titus 1:5).
- Paul wrote this letter to Titus shortly after he wrote his first letter to Timothy (c 63 AD).
- The Cretans had a bad reputation morally and socially: *“liars, evil brutes and lazy gluttons”* 1:12.
- Paul wrote Titus & 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. for the same reasons:
  - Disorder and false teaching invading the churches.
  - Inconsistent living by church members.
  - Need for instruction about church organization.

# KEY VERSES OF TITUS

Titus 1:5

*“The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town as I directed you.”*

Titus 3:14

*“Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives.”*

# OVERVIEW OF TITUS

Paul N. Benware, Survey of the NT, Moody, p. 231, revised by JR

## Ch 1 -The Need for Godly Leadership in the Church.

- Appoint qualified leaders 1:5 – 9
- Manage false teachers 1:10 - 16

## Ch 2 - The need for Godly Living in the Church.

- Church leaders 2:1, 15
- Older, Younger, Servants 2:2 – 10
- All believers 2:11 – 14

## Ch 3 – The need for Godly Living outside the Church



# Paul's Second Letter to Timothy



# INTRODUCTION TO 2<sup>ND</sup> TIMOTHY

- Paul is now in the Mamertine prison in Rome, about 67 AD, a result of Nero's persecution.
- This is his final letter before being beheaded as a martyr for his faith in Jesus.
- He is old and cold (4:13):and deserted (4:10-by Demas, 16-by all).
- He still has a thirst to read good books and especially God's Word. (4:13-books, scrolls).
- He writes Timothy to encourage him and exhort him to be strong and bold in the faith. (1:7-8)





**The Mamertine Prison in Rome where Peter and Paul were held till they were martyred by Nero's edict.**



# KEY VERSE OF 2<sup>ND</sup> TIMOTHY

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15

***“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”***

# OVERVIEW OF 2<sup>ND</sup> TIMOTHY

1. The Perseverance of a Man of God. Chap. 1
  - Exhortation to be Strong 1 - 11
  - Examples: Paul and Onesiphorus 12 - 18
2. The Pictures of a Man of God. Chap. 2
  - Teacher, Soldier, Athlete, Farmer 1 - 7
  - Jesus, Worker, Vessel, Servant 8 - 26
3. The Perils of a Man of God. Chap. 3
  - Facing Apostasy 1 - 9
  - Defeating Apostasy 10 - 17
4. The Preaching of the Man of God. Chap. 4
  - Paul's Charge to Preach the Word 1 - 5
  - Paul's Triumph 6 - 8
  - Paul's Final Remarks and Farewell 9 - 22

# INTRODUCTION TO HEBREWS

- Hebrews is a unique commentary on the Old Testament:
  - It interprets its history
  - It explains the fulfillment of its prophecy
  - It reveals its ultimate purpose
- Hebrews is the Holy Spirit's grand portrait of Christ with the OT as a background.
- “Consider Jesus” is its urgent appeal to believers in danger of backsliding and apostasy.

Note: The above thoughts are from Irving Jensen's Survey of the New Testament, Moody Press, p. 406

## INTRODUCTION TO HEBREWS continued

- Hebrews is the first of the General Epistles, and is written to a general audience of Jewish (or Hebrew) believers. Paul's letters were addressed to churches and individuals.
- The author of Hebrews is not stated in the text. Possible authors are Paul, Luke, Barnabas, Apollos, as they were all associated with Mark as mentioned in Hebrews 13:23.
- Hebrews was written shortly before the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, because:
  - the temple was still standing and offerings were still being made (see Heb. 7-8).
  - its audience included second generation believers (Heb. 13:7).

# OVERVIEW OF HEBREWS

Norman L. Geisler, A Popular Survey of the NT, p 256-257, revised by JR

1. **DOCTRINAL Who Jesus is Chapters 1 – 10**
  - A. Jesus is Better than the Prophets 1:1 – 3
  - B. Jesus is Better than the Angels 1:4 – 2:18
  - C. Jesus is Better than Moses Chapter 3
  - D. Jesus is Better than Joshua 4:1 – 13
  - E. Jesus is Better than the Levitical Priests 4:14 – 7:28
  - F. Jesus is Better than the Tabernacle 8:1 – 5
  - G. Jesus is Better than the Old Covenant 8:6 – 9:22
  - H. Jesus is Better than the Sacrifices 9:23 – 10:39
2. **PRACTICAL How we must live Chapters 11 - 13**
  - A. We must live by faith Chapter 11
  - B. We must live in hope Chapter 12
  - C. We must live in love Chapter 13



# KEY VERSE OF HEBREWS

- **Hebrews 1:3** *“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”*

# THE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST

Irving Jensen's Survey of the New Testament, Moody Press, p. 415

1. Jesus has divine names: He is "God" 1:8, "Lord" 1:10
2. Jesus has divine character. "God's glory/nature" 1:3
3. Jesus has eternal existence: "forever and ever" 1:8
4. Jesus does divine works:
  - "He made the universe" 1:2
  - "Upholding all things" 1:3
  - "Purging our sins" 1:3
5. Jesus has divine position and honor:
  - "Heir of all things" 1:2
  - "Seated on the right hand of the Majesty on high" 1:3
  - "Rank higher than the angels" 1:4-14

# CONTRASTS IN HEBREWS

Irving Jensen's Survey of the New Testament, Moody Press, p. 414

- Son and angels 1:4 – 2:4
- Son and Moses 3:1-6
- Canaan rest and God's rest 3:12 – 4:13
- Christ and Aaron 4:14 – 5:10
- Spiritual infancy and maturity 5:11 – 14
- Apostasy and faithfulness 5:11 – 6:20
- Old and New Covenants 8:1 – 13
- Offerings of the law & offering of Christ 9:1-10:18

# PRIVILEGES OF BELIEVERS

- **We have come to share in Christ** 3:14
- **We have a great high priest** 4:14, 10:21
- **We have this hope as an anchor** 6:19
- **We have been made holy** 10:10
- **We have confidence to enter** 10:19
- **We have received knowledge of truth** 10:26
- **We have God's discipline for holiness** 12:9-11
- **We have an altar** 13:10
- **We have a clear conscience** 13:18

# WARNINGS IN HEBREWS

MacArthur Study Bible, p. 1864

## WARNING AGAINST:

- Drifting from “*what we have heard*” 2:1-4
- Disbelieving the “*voice*” of God 3:7-14
- Degenerating from “*teaching about Christ*” 5:11-6:8
- Despising “*the knowledge of the truth*” 10:26-39
- Devaluing “*the grace of God*” 12:15-17
- Departing from Him “*who is speaking*” 12:25-29