

10. Superiority of Christ's sacrifice
11. Examples of faith and perseverance
12. Follow Christ's example: Sinai and Zion
13. Exhortations to holy living, summary, Benediction

(2) Content summary

Chapters 1-2...The record of revelation is that God has spoken to us by a Son and this is the climactic utterance. The first stage of comparison is to show him superior to the angelic parties by showing their subordination on several lines. The warning is that if we do not hear Him we cannot escape certain wrath. He is the one who has come to lead us to glory and He is followed by faith.

Chapter 3-4...The second comparison finds Christ superior to Moses the builder of the Hebrew economy. The warning is to the end that as disobedience resulted in catastrophe in the older order it cannot fail but to lead to severe loss in the newer. But we have a place from which mercy and grace may be obtained and we are urged to take full advantage of it.

Chapter 5-8...The third comparison finds Christ to be a priest after the royal priesthood of Melchizedek. This is a comparison of degree and results in his superiority to all human priests, including those of Levi who, 'in Abraham, paid tithes to Melchizedek. The warning is that to turn from his leadership is catastrophic and there is no recall--no other leader. The meaning is that to those who believe, there is a great high priest who administers a new covenant...He is all they need and really all they desire.

Chapter 9-10...The fourth comparison shows Christ the fulfillment of ceremony and sacrifice and so, as the anti-type, superior to the prophecy. The warnings summarize the concept that, so far as he fulfilled this aspect of redemptive service, there is no hope outside his blessing. But it means we have assurance and confidence as we wait for the fuller revelation of His grace and power.

Chapter 11...An emphasis is placed on the essential ingredient in all ages, faith...the willingness to believe God. The examples demonstrate that faith is the working principle among all men and in all ages and the meaning is that we are given confidence and reassurance in the trust of God.