



Philemon :
a short
story with
no known
ending.

**A little
background:**

Philemon is a wealthy Christian convert in Colossae

Apphia is his wife and Archippus is his son.

Onesimus is Philemon's slave.


Onesimus has run away from Philemon after apparently stealing something. (Verse 18)

This is a letter from Paul to Philemon to plead for mercy from Philemon towards Onesimus.

Since both Philemon and Onesimus are recent converts to Christianity, Paul appeals to Philemon based on love. Philemon has a every legal right to brutally punish his slave. The punishment could be quite harsh.

Paul sends Onesimus back to Philemon. Hopefully, his owner will now accept him as a 'brother' and not as a slave. (Verse12)

The conclusion of the story is not known.



However, fifty years after this occurred, Ignatius wrote a letter to the church in Ephesus. Part of the letter was praise of their great bishop-named Onesimus.

Our “take away” is this:

“Everyone who has repented of sin and come to Christ should be welcomed as a brother or sister, treated gently, and forgiven by other believers.”

Short version:

“Forgive and forget.”



A stack of books is shown, with a spiral-bound notebook resting on top. The notebook's pages are yellowed with age. The top page features a hand-drawn heart in blue ink and some handwritten text in Hebrew. The background is dark and out of focus, with a bright light source on the right side creating a gradient effect.

The Book of Hebrews

Three tough questions about Hebrews:

1. When was it written? (~ 66AD?)
2. Who wrote it? (Probably not Paul.)
3. Who was it originally written to?
Perhaps the Jews in Rome.(13:24)





- The key text for Hebrews is found in Chapter 1:1-3.

- The Epistle to the Hebrews proclaims God's Final Word has been spoken through His son, Jesus Christ.

- The rest of the book seeks to show that Jesus is superior to everything in Jewish history.

OUTLINE:

- I. The Superiority of Christ over the Old Testament Prophets (1:1-3)**
- II. The Superiority of Christ over Angels (1:4-2:18)**
- III. The Superiority of Christ over Moses (3:1-19)**
- IV. The Superiority of Christ over Joshua (4:1-11)**
- V. The Superiority of Christ over Aaron (4:14-10:18)**
- VI. The Practice of Spiritual Endurance (10:19-12:29)**
- VII. Final Exhortations (13:1-25)**



Christ is superior to angels.

Hebrews 1:14

Jesus is greater than Moses!!

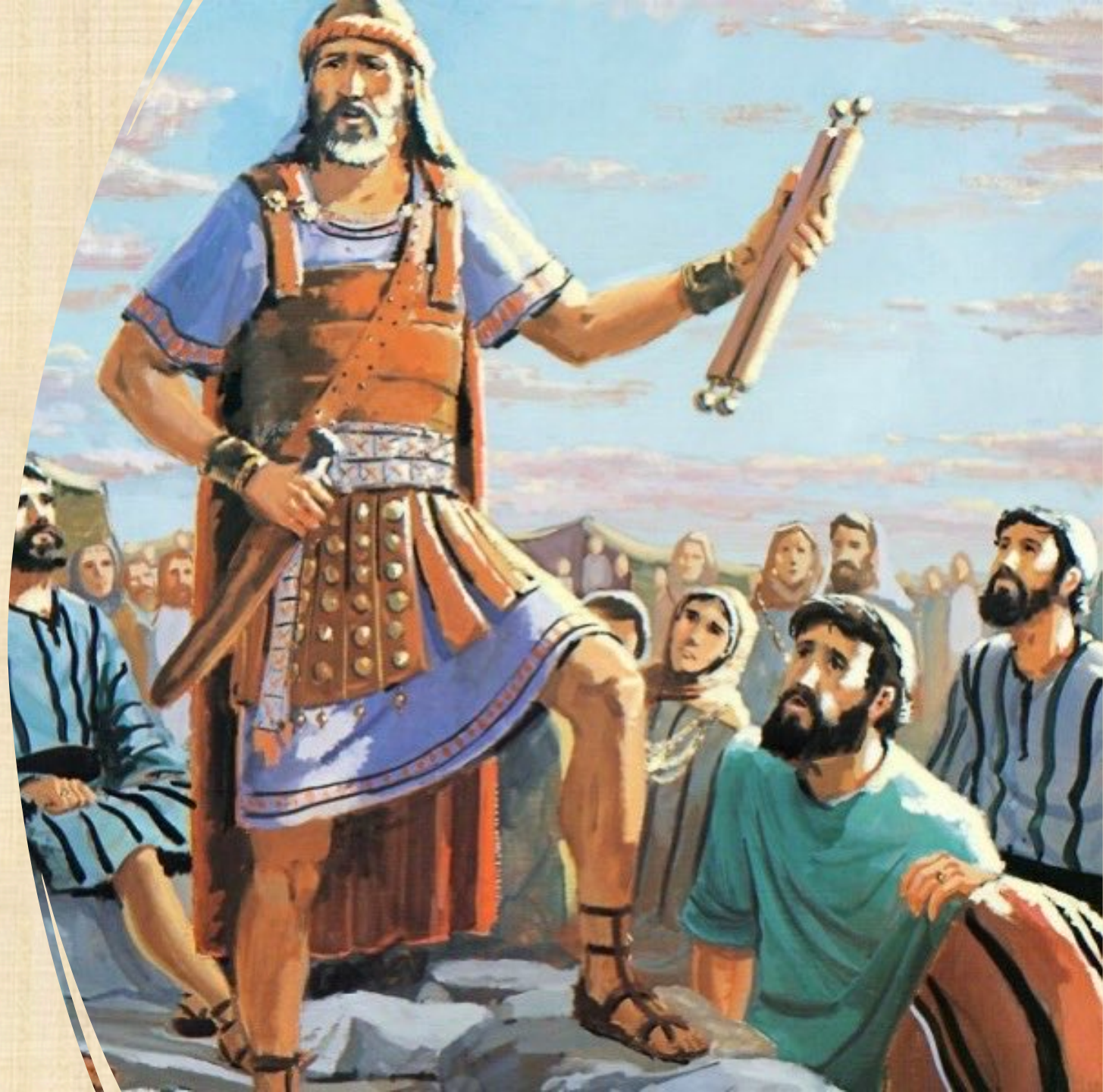
“The builder of the house has greater honor than the house...”

Chapter 3:3-6



- **Jesus Christ is greater than Joshua.**

- **Joshua could not offer the Israelites a rest (Chap.4:8-11)**





- Jesus is higher than the greatest priests, such as Aaron and Melchizedek. Jesus is the high priest of a New Covenant.
- (Chapter 8)
- The 'old' covenant is gone, and a new covenant has been created.

Christ's sacrifice on the cross was a sacrifice offered Once for all and for all time.

Chapter 10:1-4

Animals could never really take our sins away!



Who forgives sin?

**Christ's universal
sacrifice described
In chapter 10:11-18.**

If we confess our sins

He is Faithful to

FORGIVE

1 John 1:9



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Perseverance in Faith.

This is the heart and
reason for Hebrews.
(verses 10:23-25)



NOW
FAITH
IS THE ASSURANCE OF THINGS
HOPED FOR
THE CONVICTION OF THINGS
NOT SEEN

HEBREWS 11:1

Perseverance
brings about
faith and faith
brings forth
perseverance.



HEROES OF FAITH

Hebrews 11

Abel
Enoch
Noah
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Joseph
Moses
Rahab
Gideon
Barak
Samuel
Jephthah

CLOUD OF WITNESSES

HEBREWS 12:1-2

Let's run
the race
with eyes
on Jesus
the prize of
all time!



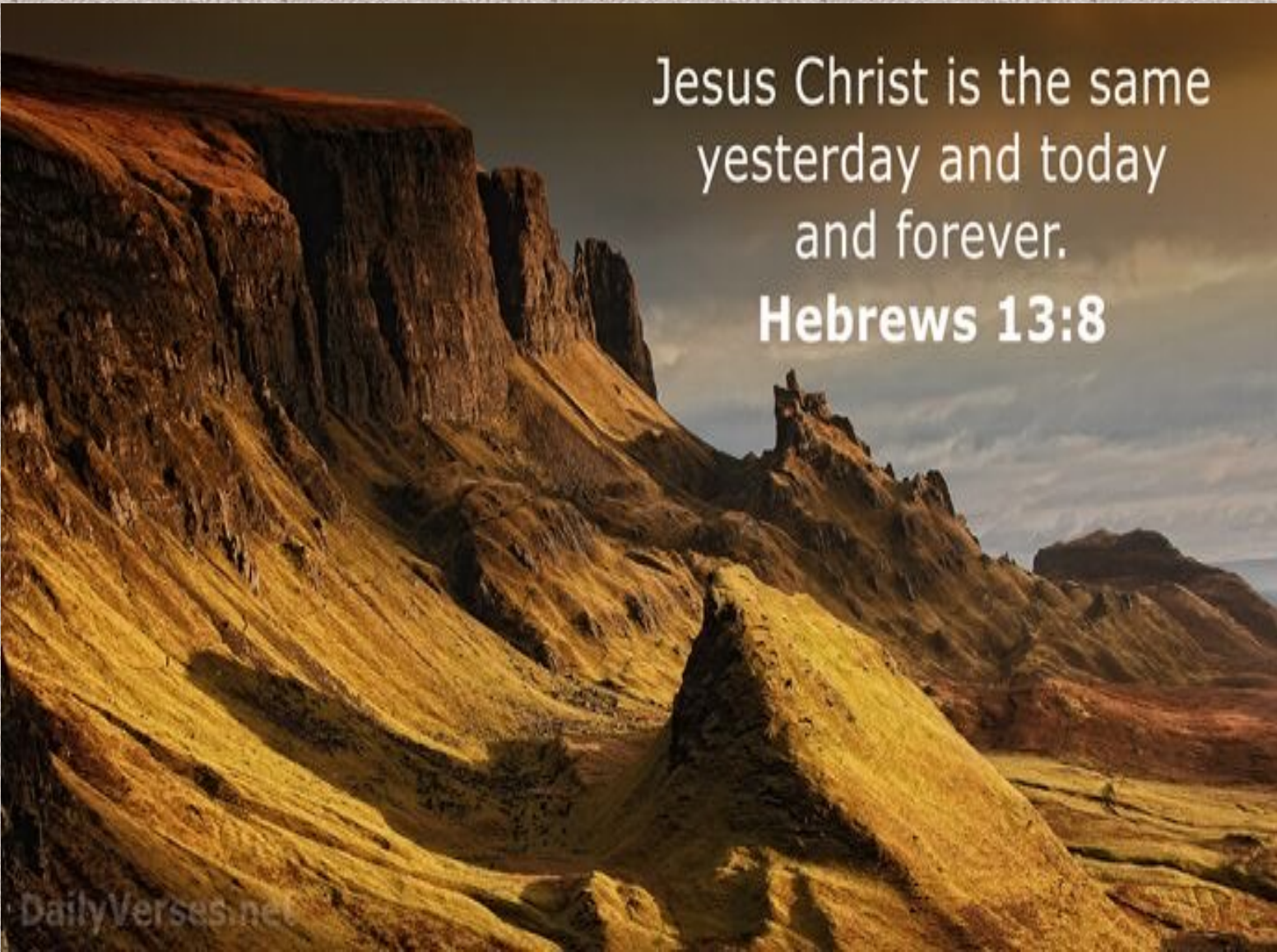
The Book of Hebrews concludes with some exhortations found in Chap. 13.

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers,

for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

A photograph of a rugged, layered rock formation, possibly a mesa or butte, with distinct horizontal strata. The rock is a mix of brown and tan colors. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today
and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

**We can persevere
because Jesus never
changes and is
always there.**

The Final greeting mentions Timothy and greetings to those from Italy.

Hebrews 13:23-24

²³ I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you.

²⁴ Greet all your leaders and all the Lord's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings.

“Grace and be with you all.”

Hebrews 13:25



Questions, Comments, Concerns

