

Five Characteristics

(Warren W. Wiersbe, Be Confident, 1982, pp. 18-28)

I. A Book of Evaluation

- **“better”** (krei’ttōn) = more useful, more serviceable, more advantageous, more excellent ... used 13x
- **“perfect”** (teleio’ō) = complete, accomplished ... used 14 x
- **“eternal”** (aiō’nios) = without beginning or ending ... used 6x

II. A Book of Exhortation

- Hebrews 13:22 – Rom.15:24 “comfort” 2Cor. 1:5-7; 7:7 “consolation”
- From God – cf., 1:1-2 with 12:25 ∴ Heed God’s Word
 - 2:1-4 Neglecting the Word
 - 3:7-4:13 Doubting the Word
 - 5:11-6:20 Dullness toward the Word
 - 10:26-39 Willfulness vs. the Word
 - 12:14-29 Refusing the Word

III. A Book of Examination

- **“strengthened”** (bebaio’ō) = to make firm, establish ... used 8x ... carries the idea of reliability, confirmation, permanence.

IV. A Book of Expectation

- Jesus is the *“heir of all things”* (1:2) ... we share the *“promise of eternal inheritance”* (9:15) ... the writer speaks of *“the world to come”* (2:5) ... the patriarchs were looking for the future city of God (11:10-16, 26).
- Jim Elliott: *“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.”*

V. A Book of Exaltation

- Jesus is superior in His person ... and His work