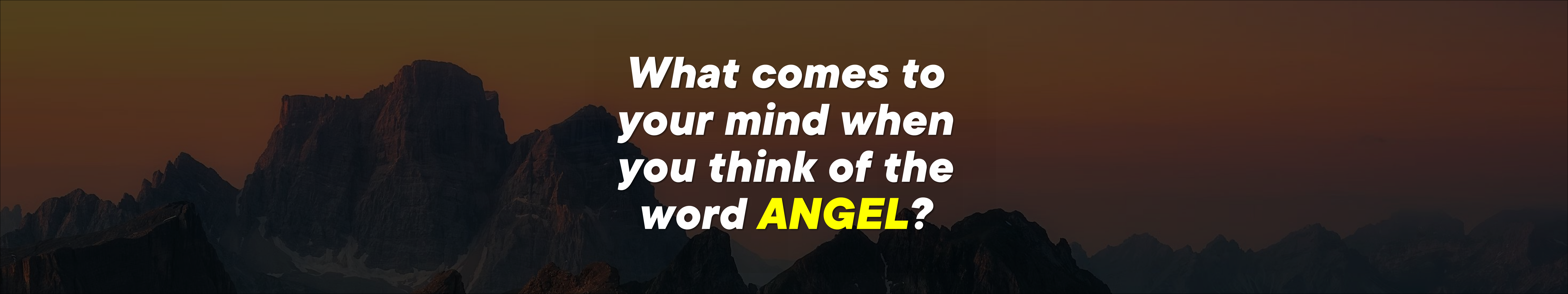




THE SUPREMACY
OF JESUS



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Sermon review:

Discipleship : Vision Series (The Seven Calls)

Distinctiveness of the Brethren Church: BBTC

Digging Deeper: Church Life and practices

Desiring God's will: Critical Concerns (LoveSingapore)

Developing a Biblical view of Jesus: Hebrews

OVERVIEW OF HEBREWS

Who wrote the book?

- The author is unknown – unlikely to be Paul because:
 - Different writing style
 - Different Greek language level
 - Different level of contact
 - Different reference material: *Septuagint vs Masoretic*

OVERVIEW OF HEBREWS

Who are the Hebrews?

- According to Genesis,
 - They were the 12 tribes of Israel/Jacob
- According to the New Testament,
 - They were mainly Jews from the tribe of Judah, and some surviving members of other tribes.

OVERVIEW OF HEBREWS

Who is Hebrews written to?

- The author assumes that the readers are familiar with the first five books of the Bible:
 - Adam → Abraham → nation of Israel → Moses at Mt Sinai → the Covenant → priests and sacrifices → 40 years of wilderness → Promised Land

CONTEXT OF HEBREWS

State of the Church – A suffering Church

- **Hebrews 10:34** For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.
- **Hebrews 12:4** You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin.

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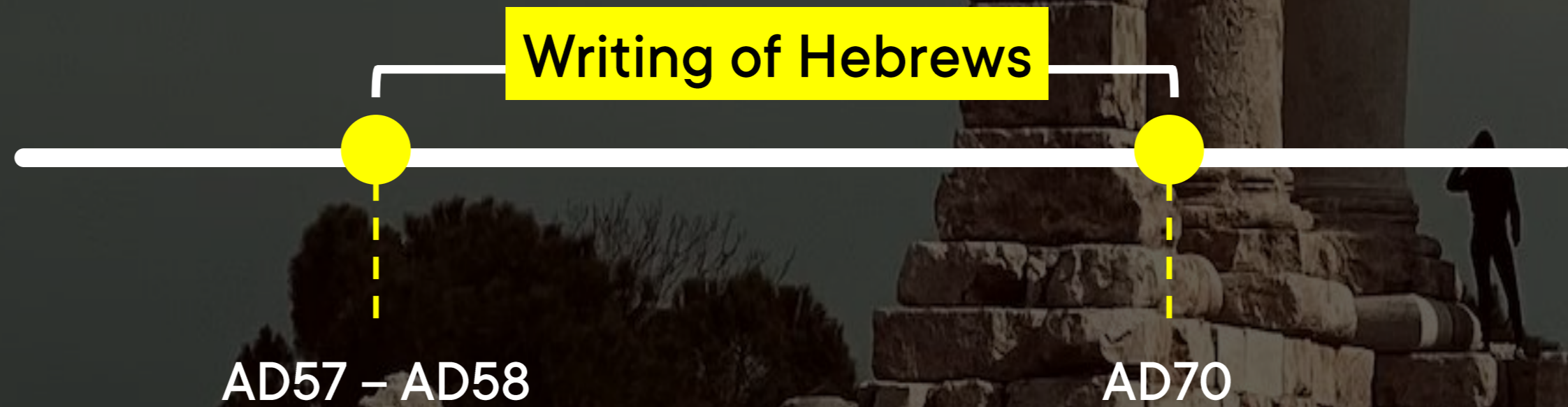
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- Followers of Jesus were persecuted. They considered turning back to Judaism.
- They were tempted to compromise by enjoying acceptance of the authorities and the benefits of their new faith in Jesus.

CONTEXT OF HEBREWS

When was Hebrews written?



After the writing of Romans

- Persecution of the Church

Before the

Temple Destruction

The background of the image shows ancient stone ruins, likely the Temple of Bel in Palmyra. Several tall, fluted columns stand amidst a field of rubble and lower stone walls. A person's silhouette is visible standing on a ledge between two columns, providing a sense of scale. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows and highlights, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall tone is somber and historical.

HEBREWS 9:6-7

Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship, but into the second, only the high priest enters once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.

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Chap 1 & 2 – Messenger

- Jesus as a **messenger** from God to Man

Chap 3 & 4 – Deliverer

- Jesus as a **deliverer** of Man

Chap 5 & 6 – Mediator

- Jesus as a **mediator** between God and Man

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Chap 8 – 10

C8 – Covenant

C9 – Tabernacle

C10 – Sacrifice

Supremacy in the
Saints

Chap 11 – 13

C11 – Faith defined

C12 – Faith demonstrated

C13 – Faith developed

SUBSCRIBERS

SingPost pushes diversity envelope with non-binary gender disclosures

Postal service provider is first SGX-listed large-cap to report metrics for non-traditional gender identities



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WHY SHOULD WE PAY **MUCH CLOSER** ATTENTION?

- So that we do not drift away from it
- Especially when we are burdened and weary
- So that we do not return to our 'old' self/our own 'Egypt'

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Hosea was asked to marry a harlot.

Ezekiel was asked to sleep on his left side for 390 days.

Jonah slept in the belly of a big fish for 3 days & nights.

Elisha used salt to heal the water.

Isaiah prophesied the Virgin Birth.

But all these are incomplete in and of themselves.

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HEBREWS 1:2-3

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V2 - 3	Jesus
1. heir of all things,	Heir
2. made the world.	Creator God
3. radiance of His glory	Revealer
4. exact representation	Image
5. upholds all things	Sustainer
6. made purification of sins	Purifier
7. right hand of the Majesty	Ruler

COMPARISON OF JESUS AND ANGELS

HEBREWS 1:4-6

⁴ having become so much better than the angels, to the extent that He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say,
"You are my Son, today I have begotten You"?

And again,

"I will be a Father to Him and He shall be a Son to Me"?

⁶ And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,
"And let all the angels of God worship Him."

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HEBREWS 1:7-9

⁷And of the angels He says,

"Who makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire."

⁸ But of the Son He says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of His Kingdom.

⁹ "You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your companions."

COMPARISON OF JESUS AND ANGELS

HEBREWS 1:10-12

¹⁰ And, "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands. ¹¹ They will perish, but You remain; and they all will become old like a garment, ¹² and like a mantle You will roll them up; like a garment they will also be changed but You are the same, and Your years will not come to an end."

COMPARISON OF JESUS AND ANGELS

HEBREWS 1:13-14

¹³ But to which of the angels has He ever said,

"Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

COMPARISON OF JESUS AND ANGELS

Four statements about angels

1. There is no angel that is the Son of God.
 - v5: to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are my Son”
2. No angel has God as his Father.
 - v5: “I will be a Father to him ...”?
3. No angel sits at the Father’s right hand.
 - v13: of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand”
4. They are sent to render service.
 - v14: are they not all ministering spirits

COMPARISON OF JESUS AND ANGELS

Three statements about Jesus

1. He is to be adored/worshipped
 - v6: “let all the angels of God worship Him.”
2. He has authority and is Lord over the angels
 - v8: “the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of His kingdom”
3. He is righteous and the Appointed One
 - v9: “You have loved righteousness and ... God has anointed you”

ANGELS ARE GOD'S MESSENGERS

They bring revelation to humanity as seen in both the OT and NT

Gen 3: 24

So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life. (1st mention)

Genesis 16:7

⁷ Now the angel of the Lord found her (Hagar) by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

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Luke 1: 11 And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

- To announce the conception of John the Baptist.

Luke 1: 28 And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

- To announce the conception of Jesus in Mary.

Luke 2:9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

- To announce the birth of Jesus

ANGELS ARE GOD'S MESSENGERS

- They have brought revelation to humanity as seen in both the OT and NT
 - Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.
- But they have been misrepresented in modern culture
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Angel sighting caught on church's security video camera during service

July 30, 2023



During a worship service, the security video camera of a church captured something amazing, the image of what seems to be an angel flying while the believers were praising the name of the Lord.



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INTEPRETATION

Jesus is greater than all the past prophets, therefore He is the **full revelation** of God.

Jesus is greater than all created angels, therefore He has **supreme authority** and the **greatest messenger**.



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APPLICATION

What is the solution?

Pay much closer attention to Jesus
– The Messenger and the Message



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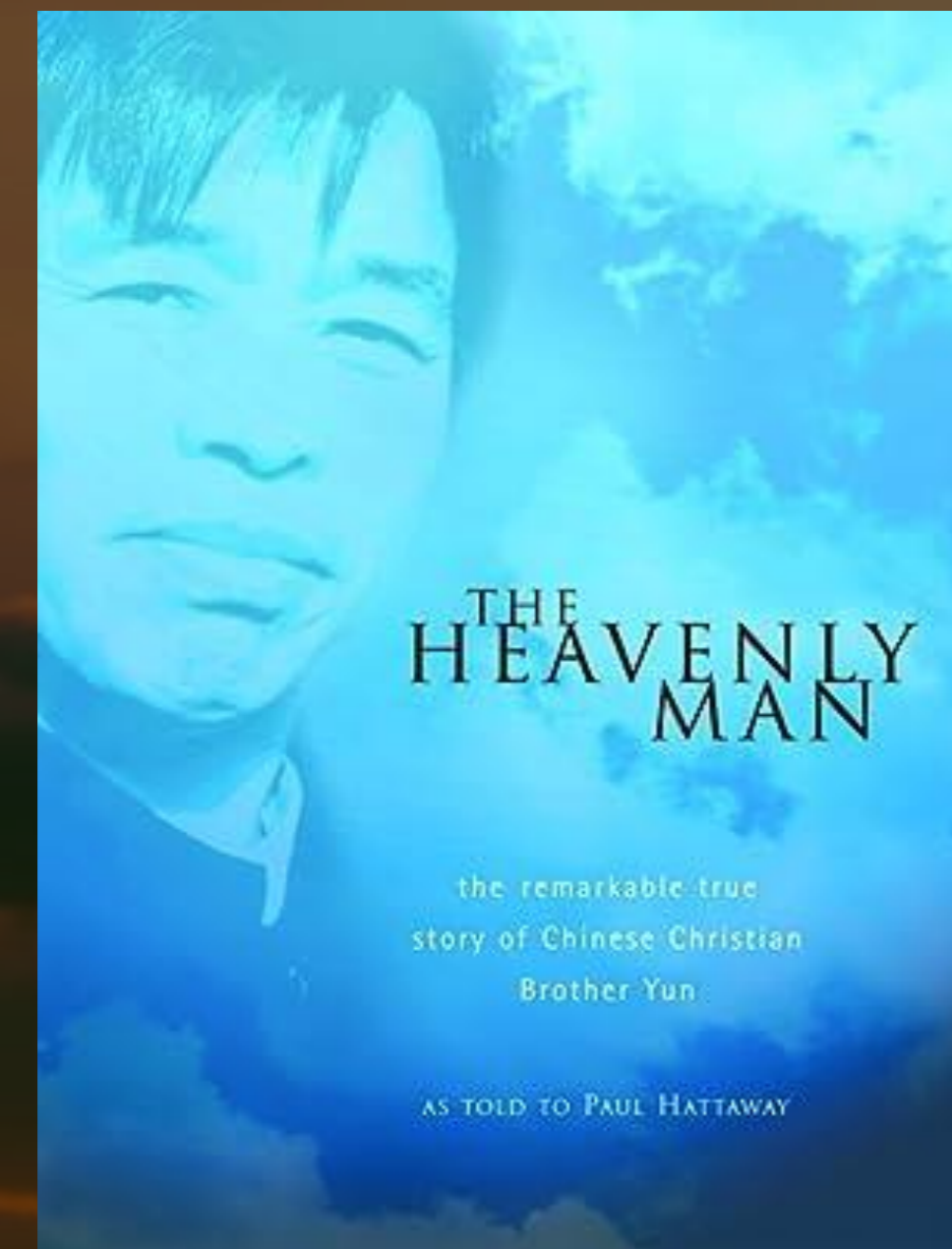
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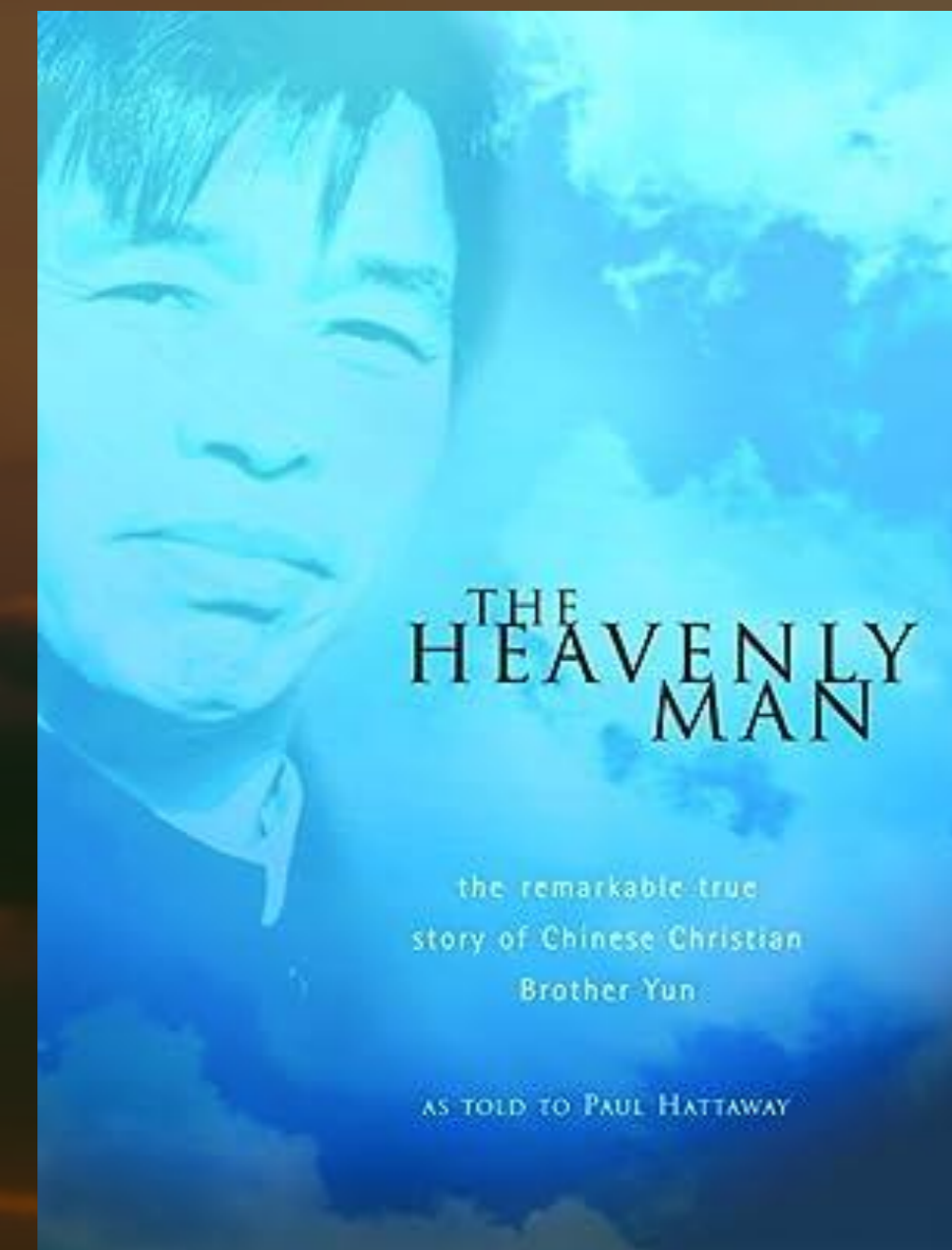
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Even though God did not speak a word to me, no matter how much I cried; even though God didn't immediately set me free from the pain and terror; I have come to understand that He was there.

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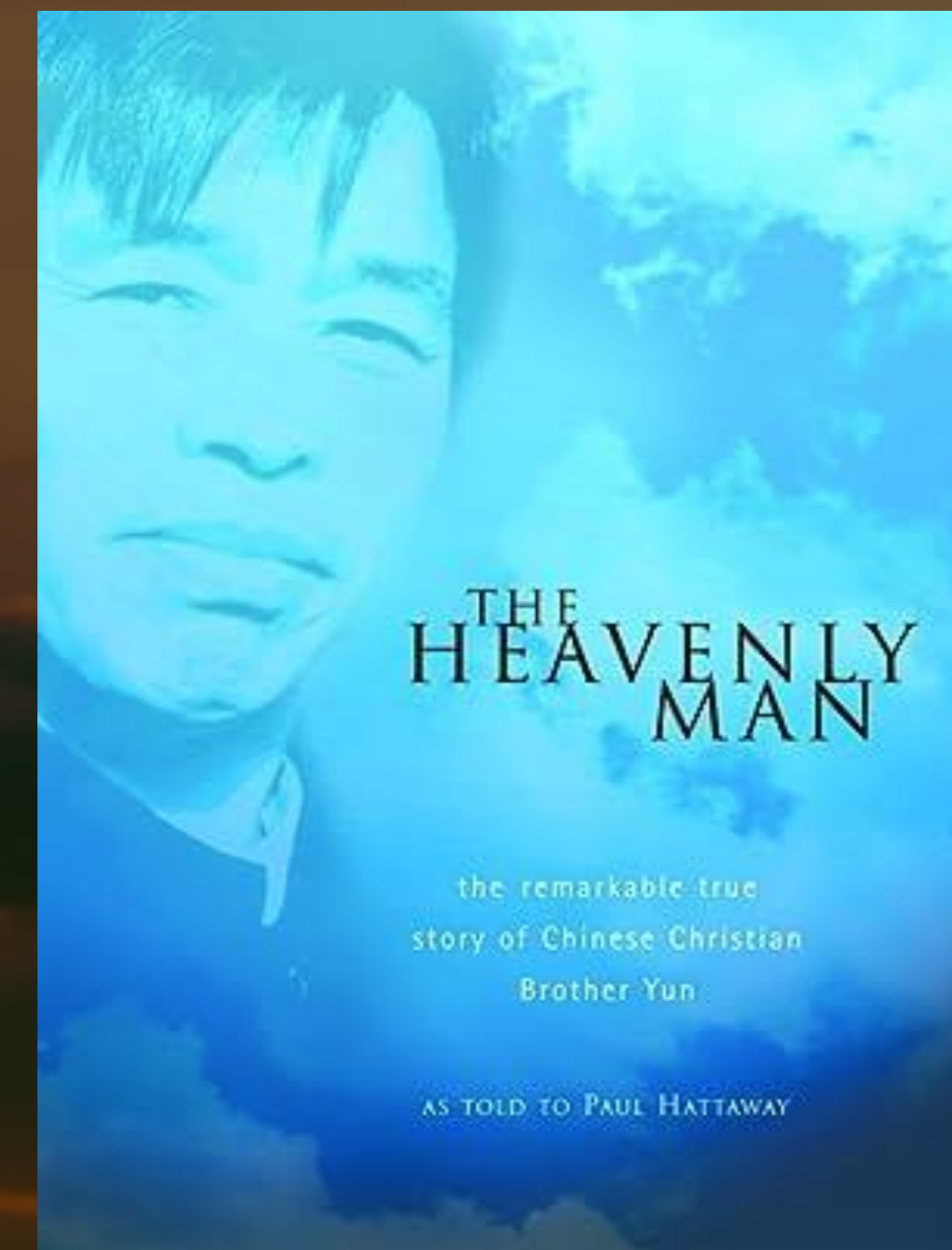
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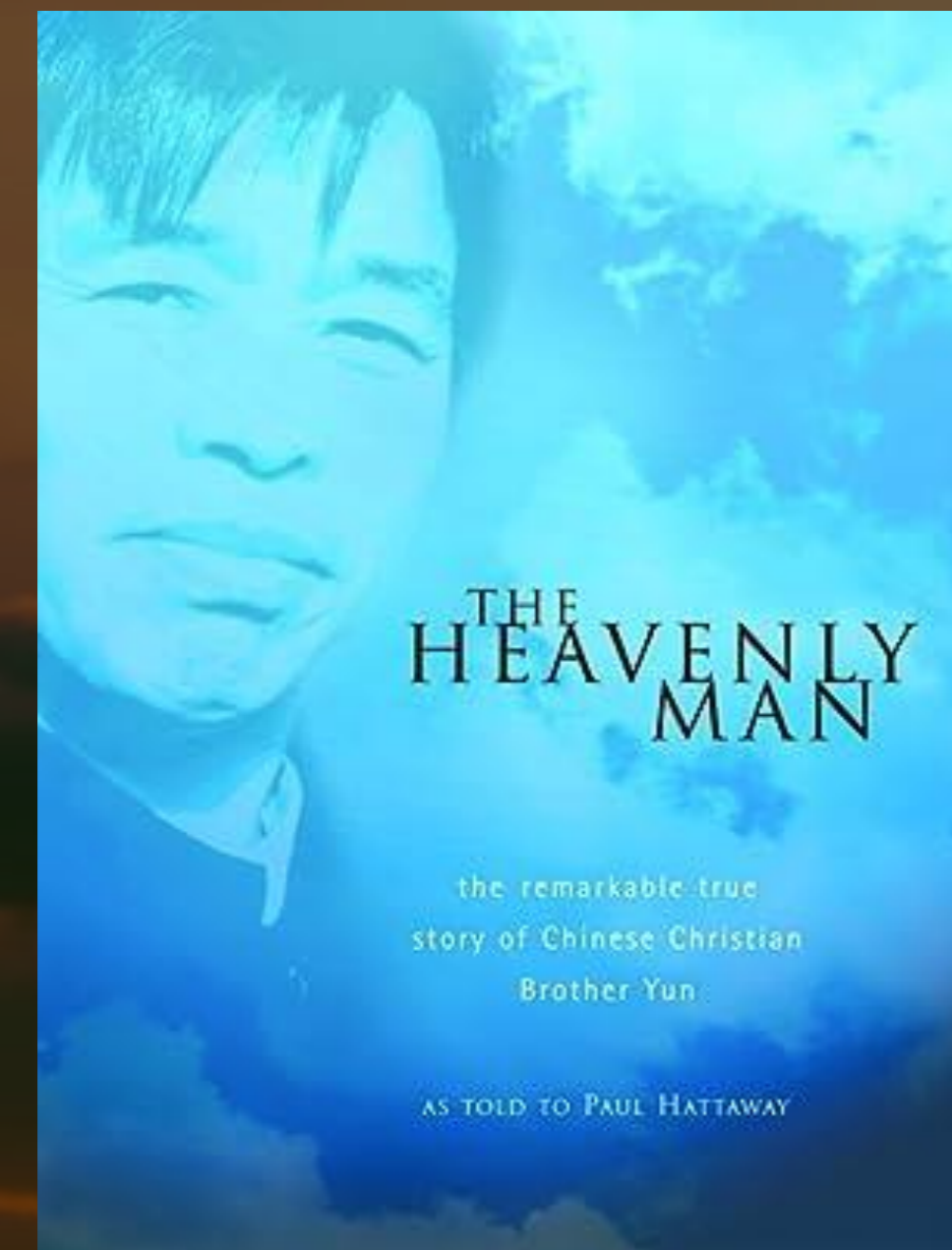
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