

Album Lyrics



Artist: Hope Chapel

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Album Name: **Higher Than The Angels**

Subtitle: Jesus, Our Great High Priest
Songs of Worship Based On The Book of Hebrews

Track Listing:

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2. He's Higher (African Reprise) (HEBREWS 1)
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10. Hebrews 11 (IT'S BY FAITH)
11. Jesus is the Same (HEBREWS 13:8)
12. Hallelujah Chorus

Track 1: He's Higher than the Angels (HEBREWS 1)

Lyrics:

God has spoken
Through the ages
Now He speaks through His Son
Jesus Christ, the Savior, He's the One
Who is exalted

He's the radiance
Of God's glory
He's the Heir of all things
He made the earth, the sun, and everything
He is exalted

He's higher than the angels
He's higher than the angels
Jesus is higher! Glory to His name
Jesus is higher! Forever He will reign
Jesus is higher! Every knee shall bow
And every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord! (repeat)

He sat down (echo)
At the Right Hand (echo)
After dying on the cross
He rose again, victorious for the lost
He is exalted

His throne of glory (echo)
Will last forever (echo)
Righteousness will be
The scepter of His Kingdom through eternity
He is exalted

He's higher than the angels
He's higher than the angels
Jesus is higher! Glory to His name
Jesus is higher! Forever He will reign
Jesus is higher! Every knee shall bow
And every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord! (repeat)

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Lead Vocal: Scott Wilderman

Track 2: He's Higher (African Reprise) (HEBREWS 1)

Lyrics:

Jesus is the radiance of God's glory
He's the perfect image of the Father
Jesus is the center of the story
In God's redemption plan
There is no other

He's higher, He's higher
He's higher, He's higher

He's higher than the mountains
Higher than the skies
Higher than the sun, moon, stars upon high
Higher than the rulers
Higher than the kings
Jesus is higher, higher we sing!

He's higher, He's higher
He's higher, He's higher

Jesus is the radiance of God's glory
He's the perfect image of the Father
Jesus is the center of the story
In God's redemption plan
There is no other (repeat)

He's higher, He's higher
He's higher, He's higher

He's higher than the mountains
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Higher than the sun, moon, stars upon high
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Jesus is higher, higher we sing!

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He's higher, He's higher

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All Guitars: Alan Kisaka
Drum Programming, Keyboards and
Sequencing: Reggie Turner

Track 3: We are His House (HEBREWS 3:1-8)

Lyrics:

Holy brothers and sisters
Who share in the heavenly call
Fix your thoughts on Jesus
Apostle and High Priest whom we confess

He was faithful
To the One who appointed Him
Worthy of greater honor
Jesus is greater than even Moses

We are His house
If we hold on to our courage
And the hope of which we boast
We are His house
If we hold on to our courage
And the hope of which we boast
And the hope of which we boast

Holy brothers and sisters
Who share in the heavenly call
Fix your thoughts on Jesus
Apostle and High Priest whom we confess

He was faithful
To the One who appointed Him
Worthy of greater honor
Jesus is greater than even Moses

We are His house
If we hold on to our courage
And the hope of which we boast
We are His house
If we hold on to our courage
And the hope of which...

Today, if you hear His voice
Do not harden your heart, harden your heart
So today, if you hear His voice,
Do not harden your heart, harden your heart
Harden your heart

We are His house
If we hold on to our courage
And the hope of which we boast
We are His house
If we hold on to our courage
And the hope of which we boast

We are His house
If we hold on to our courage
And the hope of which we boast
We are His house
If we hold on to our courage
And the hope of which we boast
And the hope of which we boast

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Lead Vocals by Lisa Diaz, Katie Doherty,
and Victoria Walton
Background Vocals: Harmony Ensemble
Bass Guitar: Marc Kirkendall
Electric Guitar: Todd Robinson
Drums: Dean Davis
Keyboards: Reggie Turner
All Violins and Violas: Lisa Anders
String Arrangement: Allen Kaufman

Track 4: How I Long for Your Rest (HEBREWS 4:13)

Lyrics:

Lord, O how I long for Your rest
While the promise still stands
I'm gonna lean on Your Word
Lord, O how I yearn for Your best
As I heed Your commands
Help me stand in the test

For Your Word, O Lord, is living
Sharper than any two-edged sword
Dividing spirit and soul
For Your Word, O Lord, is active
Judging the thoughts and
Attitudes of my heart
Laid bare before Your eyes
I long for Your rest
I long for Your rest
I long for Your rest
I long for Your rest

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Lead Vocal: Scott Wilderman
Background Vocals: Harmony Ensemble
Bass Guitar: Marc Kirkendall
Acoustic and Electric Guitars: Allen Kaufman
Drums/Percussion: Dean Davis
Keyboards: Reggie Turner
String Arrangement: Allen Kaufman

Track 5: Let us Hold on Firmly to the Faith (HEBREWS 4:14-16)

Lyrics:

Let us hold on
Firmly to the faith we profess
Let us hold on
Firmly to the faith we possess

We have a great High Priest
Who has gone through the heavens
We have a great High Priest
Who can sympathize with our weaknesses

With confidence
Let us then approach the throne of grace
With confidence
To receive mercy and find grace
To help us in our time of need
Help us in our time of need

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Lead Vocal: Hector Agosto
Background Vocals: Hector Agosto and Alan Kisaka
Keyboards, Programming, Sequencing and Arranging: Reggie Turner

Track 6: What a Glorious Hope (HEBREWS 6:19)

Lyrics:

Oh, what a glorious hope
Oh, what a glorious day
When we all will see the King face to face
From every tribe and tongue
He will call our names
Oh, what a glorious hope
Oh, what a glorious day

Rejoicing 'round the throne
All of heaven makes known
The glory and the splendor of His majesty
Singing, "King of kings
Mighty Lord of lords"
We'll sing the song of the Lamb!

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Words and Music by Carol Danna and Alan Kisaka

Lead Vocal: Alan Kisaka

Group Vocals: Large Group

Harmony Ensemble and Congregation

Bass Guitar: Andy Anders

Electric Guitar: Todd Robinson

Drums: Chris Martinov

Keyboards: Hector Agosto and Reggie Turner

Electric Violin: Lisa Anders

Horns: Michael Maffe, Stephen Leal, Robert Sugino, and Christian Collins

Originally tracked live at Hope Chapel on Easter Sunday 1996 at the 10:45 service.

Track 7: You are a Priest Forever (HEBREWS 7)

Lyrics:

You, who was, and is, and is to come
You are a Priest of a new covenant
By the power of Your immortality
Sworn by the power of Your Word

You are a Priest (echo)
Forever (echo)
You are a Priest (echo)
Forever (echo)
After the order of Melchizedek
You alone have conquered death
You have entered the Most Holy Place
In Your blood, there's healing and grace
O Lord, our hearts are free in You
For You are a Priest
You are a Priest
You are a Priest forever!

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Solo Clarinet: Stephen Leal
Lead Vocal: Alan Kisaka
Group vocals: Large group, Vocal Harmony Ensemble & the Hope Chapel Congregation
Bass Guitar: Marc Kirkendall
Electric Guitar: David Logan
Drums: Dean Davis
Percussion (Tambourine in congregation): Basil Hayden
Keyboards: Hector Agosto and Reggie Turner
Electric Violin: Lisa Anders
Additional String Arrangements: Allen Kaufman
Horns: Michael Maffe, Stephen Leal, Robert Sugino, and Christian Collins
Originally tracked live at Hope Chapel at the Good Friday 7:00 p.m. service, April 1996

Track 8: Satisfies (HEBREWS 7)

Lyrics:

Satisfies, satisfies, Jesus satisfies
Satisfies, satisfies, Jesus satisfies (repeat)

You are the only One through whom we can be saved
You are the only One through whom our lives are changed
You are the only One who meets God's justice
You are the only One
You are the only One who saves!

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Lead Vocal: Alan Kisaka

Background vocals: Large group and Vocal

Harmony Ensemble & the Hope Chapel Congregation

Bass Guitar: Marc Kirkendall

Electric Guitar Rhythm 1 and Vamp: David Logan

Electric Guitar Rhythm 2 and Solo: Todd Robinson

Drums: Dean Davis

Keyboards: Hector Agosto and Reggie Turner

Electric Violin: Lisa Anders

Horns: Michael Maffe, Stephen Leal, Robert Sugino, and Christian Collins

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Track 9: Once for All (HEBREWS 9)

Lyrics:

Into the Most Holy Place
Only the high priest could go
To offer sacrifice for sin

He offered the blood of goats and calves
For the people and for himself
Yet their conscience was not cleared

Then came the perfect Lamb of God
Who entered the Most Holy Place
To offer up His sacrifice
And by the shedding of His blood
Through the power of His love
He has bought for us new life

Once for all, and all for us
Your Holy sacrifice, O Lord
Has set us free
Once for all, and all for us
You shed Your precious blood
Once for all

For God so loved the world He made
His one and only Son, He gave
To live here with the sons of earth
He died to give them second birth

Not by the blood of bulls and goats
Not by our works, that we could boast
But through the sinless, Holy Lamb
The Righteous One, the great I AM

The veil's been torn, and now we'll see
Eternal life, abundantly, abundantly!

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Lead Vocal: Katie Doherty
Background Vocals: Lisa Diaz, Marta Ryan,
Victoria Walton and Christian Collins

Track 10: Hebrews 11 (IT'S BY FAITH)

Lyrics:

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
And certain of what we do not see
By faith we understand that the universe
Was formed at God's command
Anyone who comes to Him
must believe He is,
And He rewards all those
Who seek Him earnestly
To serve Him without faith is
An impossibility
This is what the ancients were
commended for

Oh oh ...la la la, la la la oh oh

By faith Abel offered God
A better sacrifice
By faith Enoch was taken
From this life

Oh oh oh oh... la la la la la la
oh oh

By faith Noah built an ark
To save his family
By faith Abraham
A stranger in a foreign country

Oh oh oh oh... la la la la la la
oh oh

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Background Vocals: Alan Kisaka and Michael Whittaker
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Electric Guitar: Todd Robinson

Track 11: Jesus is the Same (HEBREWS 13:8)

Lyrics:

Jesus is the same, the same yesterday
The same yesterday and forever (repeat)

Heaven and earth will pass away
But His Word will still prevail
Faithful and true are His promises to you
For His Word will never fail, will never fail!

Jesus is the same, the same yesterday
The same yesterday and forever (repeat)

Heaven and earth will pass away
But His Word will still prevail
Faithful and true are His promises to you
For His Word will never fail, will never fail!

Jesus, (Jesus,) the same! (the same!)
Yesterday, (yesterday,) the same! (the same!)
Today, (today) the same! (the same!)
Tomorrow, (tomorrow,) the same! (the same!)

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Lead Vocal: Alan Kisaka

Group Vocals: Large Group and Harmony Ensemble

Bass Guitar: Marc Kirkendall

Electric Guitar: Todd Robinson

Drums: Dean Davis

Keyboards: Reggie Turner

Horns: Michael Maffe, Stephen Leal, Robert Sugino, and Christian Collins

Track 12: Hallelujah Chorus

Lyrics:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! (repeat)

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat three times)

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world
Has become
The Kingdom of our Lord
And of His Christ, and of His Christ

And He shall reign forever and ever (men)
And He shall reign forever and ever (women)
And He shall reign forever and ever
And He shall reign forever and ever

King of kings (women)
Forever and ever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (men)
And Lord of lords (women)
Forever and ever! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! (men)
King of kings, and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HALLELUJAH!

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Just like that early Hebrew congregation needed exhortations to stand firm in the faith, we, more than ever, need to respond to that word. My prayer is that these songs of worship will help enrich your estimation of, and devotion to, Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest.

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Alan Kisaka

P.S. For a full worship experience, turn on ALL of your speakers.