**Approaches to Outlines of Hebrews**

**Pastor Johnny’s Symphonic Outline**

* Allegro – (1:1-4:13) vibrant, reasonably fast movement to capture attention and point to the rest / powerful first four verses, corrective to angelology, emphasis on salvation, emphasis on “hanging in there”
* Andante – (4:14-6:12) slower pace with emotion / Jesus as great high priest, warning against immaturity and apostasy
* Scherzo – (6:13-10:39) faster, but repetitive majestic pace / emphasis on God’s promises, Christ’s priestly role, warning vs. turning back
* Presto – (11:1-13:19) dance-like reiteration of themes / roll call of faith/trust/faithfulness, applications of those examples
* Coda – (13:20-25) Closing remarks with a challenge as stinger

**Pheme Perkins of Boston College’s Emphasis on Exhortation**

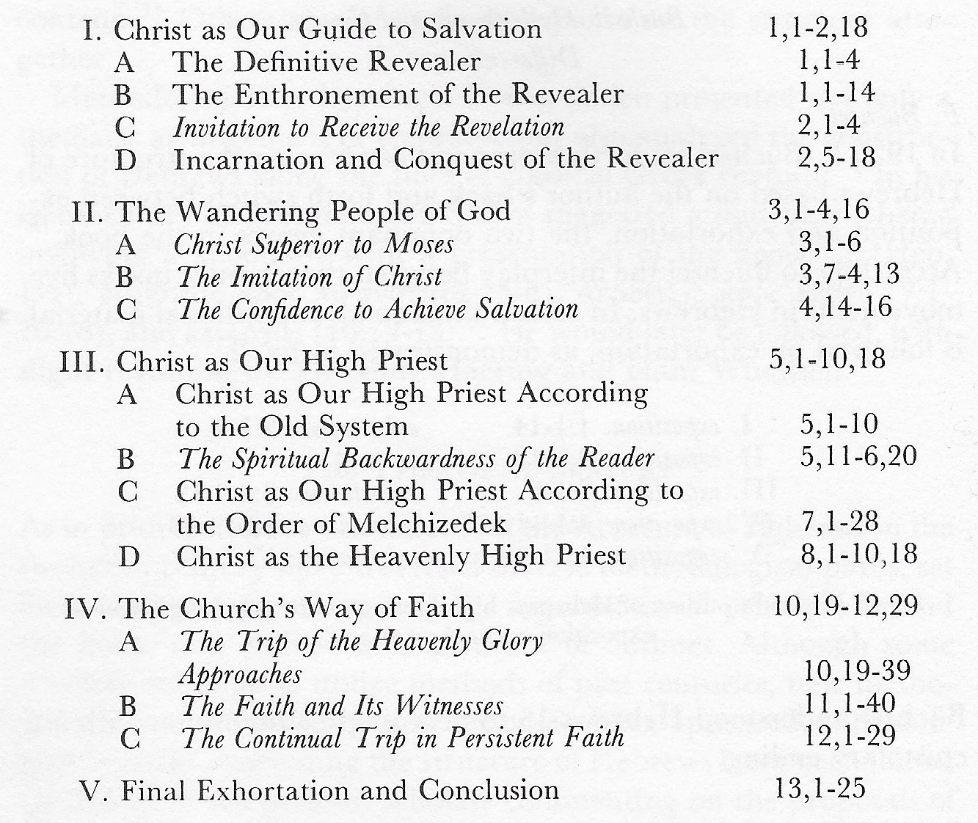
* Prologue: God has spoken most eloquently in Son (1:1-4)
* The Son’s superiority over the angels (1:5-14)
* Exhortation: Don’t drift away from such a salvation (2:1-4)
* Jesus’ suffering brings humanity to salvation (2:5-18)
* Jesus is greater than Moses (3:1-6)
* Exhortation: Don’t fall away like Israel in wilderness (3:7-4:13)
* Jesus is the sympathetic high priest (4:4-5:10)
* Exhortation: Do not be immature in faith (5:11-6:12)
* God’s promises are confirmed by an oath (6:13-20)
* Jesus is a high priest in the order of Melchizedek (7:1-10:18)  
  a) Melchizedek represents higher than Levitical priests (7:1-28)  
  b) Christ’s heavenly sanctuary is better covenant (8:1-13)  
  c) Christ’s sacrifice makes all sacrifices redundant (9:1-22)  
  d) Christ’s sacrifice has once-for-all effect (9:23-10:18)
* Exhortation: Hold fast to your faith because there is no sacrifice for turning away from Christ (10:19-39)
* Heroes of faith grasp the reality of heavenly things (11:1-40)
* Exhortation: Persevere following Christ and others (12:1-13:19)
* Letter-like closing (13:20-25)

**George H. Guthrie’s Emphasis on the Son (not for the total book, but helpful)**

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Rafael Gyllenberg’s Five (5) Point Outline of Hebrews



Guthrie’s Catchword Outline

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