

# HEBREWS 1:1-14

*September 8-9, 2021*



1. This semester we are reading and studying the New Testament Book of Hebrews. Share what comes to mind when you think about the Book of Hebrews.
2. Although the author of Hebrews is unknown, his audience appears to be Jewish Christians. Begin reading Hebrews 1:1-2. How did God speak to their Jewish ancestors long ago?

How has God spoken to them (and us) now?

3. The author makes a case for Jesus, God the Son, being a greater messenger than the prophets. List the facts revealed about the Son in verses 2-3.

Which amazing fact stands out to you? As you contemplate this, what is your response to Jesus?

4. Next, using seven Old Testament Scriptures, the author says Jesus Christ is superior to angels. Read Hebrews 1:4-6. What name does God the Father call Jesus in verse 5?

What is one role of angels according to verse 6?

5. Read Hebrews 1:7,14 and contrast this role of angels with the role of Jesus in 1:8-9. Also read Psalm 45:6-7.
6. Read Hebrews 1:10-12 which is a quote from Psalm 102:25-27. Record the phrases in these verses which speak of the Lord Jesus as eternal and unchanging.
7. Ponder for a moment these truths about Jesus found in Hebrews chapter 1. How will these truths influence your walk with the Lord this week?
8. What does the author's use of Old Testament verses tell you about the Old Testament?

# Jesus Alone!

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## Background to the Book of Hebrews

- Author – Unknown
- Audience – Jewish Christians, probably second generation
- Date Written - Around mid 60's A.D.
- Purpose – To strengthen the faith of wavering Jewish believers
- Strategy – The author presents Jesus alone as greater than all.  
He is greater than prophets, angels, Moses, priests, and sacrifices.  
Jesus alone is worthy of our devotion and worship so remain faithful.

*Just like the Hebrew Christians, we may be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ and need encouragement to remain faithful. The Book of Hebrews will encourage us!*

## Jesus – Greater than Prophets

1:1-3

- Jesus, the message and the messenger, is the total revelation of God.
- Seven statements point to the full deity of Jesus; therefore, He is greater than prophets.  
Jesus as Heir of all things is the Sovereign Lord of the universe.  
He is the Creator. Creative power belongs to Jesus.  
Jesus is the radiance of God's glory.  
Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature.  
As the sustainer of all, Jesus will carry this world to completion.  
Jesus purified our sins by offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice.  
After completing His work on the cross, Jesus returned to Heaven to reign.

*As the total revelation of God, \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus and trust in Him alone.*

## Jesus – Greater than Angels

1:4-14

- Angels were held in high esteem by the Hebrews. They believed angels assisted God in giving the Law to Moses.
- The author uses seven Old Testament verses to prove Jesus is greater than angels.  
Jesus is God's Son. He is the Creator, reigning forever, eternal, unchanging, and sovereign.  
Angels worship the Son. They are created, transitory, temporary, and serve God.

*Jesus brings the whole truth. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ anything else.*

***Walk with Jesus alone!***

Key: wavering, weary, listen, add

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PSALM 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

HEBREWS 13:23-24 You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon. Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings.

HEBREWS 3:1a Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling...

JOHN 1:3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

JOHN 14:9a Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

## Assurance of Salvation

### **John 5:24**

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

### **John 6:47**

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

### **John 10:29**

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

### **Romans 8:38-39**

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Romans 10:9**

[B]ecause, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

### **Ephesians 2:4-9**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### **Ephesians 4:30**

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

### **Philippians 1:6**

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

### **Hebrews 10:21-23**

[A]nd since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

### **1 Peter 1:3-5**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

### **1 John 5:11-13**

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

*Salvation is secure only because of the grace of God. Nothing good we do will earn it, and nothing bad we do will lose it. Therefore, you can be assured that if you have believed the truth that Jesus bore your penalty for your sins through His death and also rose from that death with a resurrected body proving the acceptance of His sacrifice and guaranteeing the availability of forgiveness, you have salvation for the rest of eternity. No matter how you feel, God is with you forever.*