

# Hebrews

Adult Bible Class

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1. Lesson 2: Christ is Superior to the Angels Chapter 1 and 2
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1. Encouragement Chapter 12
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b. Review:

i. About when was Hebrews written?

1. AD 64 – 66
  - a. After Nero's persecution begins AD 64
  - b. Before First Jewish Revolt in AD 66
  - c. Before Destruction of Jerusalem AD 70

ii. Who wrote Hebrews?

1. Holy Spirit
2. Through whom?
3. Unknown
4. Personal opinion: John Mark

iii. Who was this written to?

1. Jewish Christians abroad
2. Heavy reference the Jewish law
3. Written in Greek – would indicate audience did not know Hebrew

iv. Why was it written?

1. Heb 10:23 let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised:
2. Heb 12:1 Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

- 3. Encourage the Saints to hold fast to their faith
- v. What was the environment?
- vi. Persecution of Nero AD 64 – 68
- vii. All but John have been martyred
  - 1. Paul and Peter AD 65
- viii. Church passing from eye-witnesses to second generation
- ix. Temple soon to be destroyed AD 70
  - a. All possibility to practice Judaism will end
  - b. Jews will be persecuted for centuries to come
  - c. Not until 1948 were the in possession of this land – and then only remnant
  - d. Ability to trace genealogies would end with destruction of Temple – Temple records
- x. Judiazers were trying to convert them back
  - 1. Ga 6:12 Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh.
  - 2. Ac 15:24 We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said.
- xi. Tough time to have been a Jew converted to Christianity!

## 2. Chapter 1

- i. Hebrews 1:1 – 4
  - 1. 1 God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners,

2. 2 hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds;
  - a. How did God communicate to us in these last days?
    - i. Through His son
  - b. How does this make the NT superior to the OT?
  - c. Col 1:15 - 16
    - i. Col 1:15 who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
    - ii. 16 for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him;
3. 3 who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
  - a. Where is Jesus now?
    - i. At the right hand of the Father
    - ii. 1Pe 3:22 who is one the right hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.
4. 4 having become by so much better than the angels, as he hath inherited a more excellent name than they.
  - a. Eph 1:21 far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
  - b. Php 2:9 – 11

- i. 9 Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name;
- ii. 10 that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth,
- iii. 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ii. Hebrews 1: 5 – 14

- 1. 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, This day have I begotten thee? and again, I will be to him a Father, And he shall be to me a Son?

a. Ps 2:26 – 27

- i. 26 I will tell of the decree: Jehovah said unto me, Thou art my son; This day have I begotten thee.
- ii. 27 I also will make him my first-born, The highest of the kings of the earth.

- 2. 6 And when he again bringeth in the firstborn into the world he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

- 3. 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels winds, And his ministers a flame a fire:

a. Ps 104:4 Who maketh winds his messengers; Flames of fire his ministers;

b. Who does this refer to?

- i. Jesus

- 4. 8 but of the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; And the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

a. Ps 45:6 – 7

- i. 6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
  - ii. 7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness: Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 5. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 6. 10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of thy hands:
  - a. Who is the Lord referenced in this verse?
    - i. In context – it is Jesus
    - ii. Joh 1:1 – 3
      - 1. 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
      - 2. 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
      - 3. 3 All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made.
    - iii. Ge 1:26 And God said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness:
- 7. 11 They shall perish; but thou continuest: And they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
- 8. 12 And as a mantle shalt thou roll them up, As a garment, and they shall be changed: But thou art the same, And thy years shall not fail.
- 9. 13 But of which of the angels hath he said at any time, Sit thou on my right hand, Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet?
  - a. Ps 110:1 Jehovah saith unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

10. 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation?

a. Angel literally means “a messenger”

b. If Angels are messengers, and Christ is Creator and Son

c. Whose message is greater?

### 3. Chapter 2

#### i. Hebrews 2:1 – 4

1. 1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away from them.

2. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

3. 3 how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard;

4. 4 God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will.

a. If God punished you for transgression of his law delivered by Angels – how much more so of the one delivered by Jesus?

b. Joh 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written.

c. Ac 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by him in the midst of you, even as ye yourselves know;

#### ii. Hebrews 2:5 – 10

1. 5 For not unto angels did he subject the world to come, whereof we speak.
2. 6 But one hath somewhere testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him?
  - a. Ps 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?
3. 7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; Thou crownedst him with glory and honor, And didst set him over the works of thy hands:
  - a. Ps 8:5 – 6
    - i. 5 For thou hast made him but little lower than God, And crownest him with glory and honor.
    - ii. 6 Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet:
4. 8 Thou didst put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he subjected all things unto him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we see not yet all things subjected to him.
  - a. Mt 28:18 And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth.
  - b. Eph 1:22 – 23
    - i. 22 and he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church,
    - ii. 23 which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.
5. 9 But we behold him who hath been made a little lower than the angels, even Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God he should taste of death for every man.
  - a. Why was Jesus made lower than the Angels?
    - i. Because of the suffering of death

ii. That he might taste death for every man

b. Why was Jesus crowned with glory and honor?

i. Because he was made lower than the Angels

ii. Because he would taste death for us all

c. Joh 10:17 – 18

i. 17 Therefore doth the Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again.

ii. 18 No one taketh it away from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment received I from my Father.

6. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

iii. Hebrews 2:11 – 18

1. 11 For both he that sanctifieth and they that are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

2. 12 saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, In the midst of the congregation will I sing thy praise.

a. Ps 22:22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: In the midst of the assembly will I praise thee.

3. 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold, I and the children whom God hath given me.

a. Ps 56:4 In God (I will praise his word), In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid; What can flesh do unto me?

b. Ps 56:11 In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid; What can man do unto me?

4. 14 Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death he might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;
  - a. Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth.
  - b. Ro 8:3 – 4
    - i. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
    - ii. 4 that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
  - c. Php 2:7 – 8
    - i. 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men;
    - ii. 8 and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.
5. 15 and might deliver all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
  - a.
6. 16 For verily not to angels doth he give help, but he giveth help to the seed of Abraham.
7. 17 Wherefore it behoved him in all things to be made like unto his brethren, that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

8. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.
  - a. Did Jesus have to be tempted to be able to help us?
  - b. Can God create something He can not understand?
  - c. Or, was Jesus tempted, so that we might understand that he can help us?
  - d. Heb 4:15 For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
  - e. Matt 4 Temptation of Jesus

4. Next Week:

- i. Week Three: Christ is superior to Moses Chapter 3
  1. Who is the Apostle and High Priest of our faith? Heb 3:1
  2. Who was counted more worthy of glory and Moses? Heb 3:3
  3. Who built all things? Heb 3:4
  4. What type of heart is unbelieving? Heb 3:12
  5. What prevented the Israelites from entering the promised land? Heb 3:19