

# The Book of Hebrews

## Chapter One

### *Better Than Angels*

#### I. Chapter One Memory Verse:

Hebrews 1:8 “*But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*”

#### II. Lesson – Chapter One

##### A. God is Still There (Heb 1:1)

1. Starts just like Genesis, with God being there!
2. Starts with all sorts of presuppositions
  - a. That there is a God – that He exists
  - b. That the audience believes in the God of the Old Testament
  - c. That the audience knows about \_\_\_\_\_ – this Book is not for pagans!
3. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ says there is no God. The Book of Hebrews is NOT for a fool!
4. So, 4,000 years after Genesis 1:1, the same God who created everything just by the word of His mouth, is still there, and speaking!

##### B. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ – God has spoken (Heb 1:1,2)

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews (Rom 3:2; Acts 7:38)
2. Give to us at various times... throughout history. Not constant!
3. In various ways
4. To the fathers – Israel’s ancestors – previous generations
5. In the past, by \_\_\_\_\_ mainly
6. Most recently God has spoken to us Hebrews by \_\_\_\_\_
7. Ultimately, Gentiles usually hear God’s words from a \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:22)
  - a. Nineveh heard from Jonah
  - b. Sheba heard via Solomon
  - c. The scattering of the Jews enabled the Old Testament to be scattered as well
  - d. Same with Christians (Acts 8:1-4; 11:19; 14:2-7) – our persecutions push the Gospel into areas it wouldn’t get into otherwise!

##### C. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ – His Pre-eminence (Heb 1:2,3)

1. Here is the Jewish Messiah – the perfect Man
2. The appointed heir of \_\_\_\_\_ things!
  - a. Just as Adam was. Adam blew his dominion
  - b. Jesus gained it back (Mt 28:18)
3. The Creator of all things
  - a. All \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Gen 1:3 – creative Word
  - c. This word is *aeon* – eons, or times! Same in Heb 11:3
  - d. Same as Matthew 28:20 “*even to the end of the ...*” New bibles say “age”
  - e. But HERE it can’t be AGES, but WORLDS – \_\_\_\_\_!
  - f. The new bibles are very hypocritical!
  - g. Jesus is not just creator, but \_\_\_\_\_ – glue, holding everything together (Col 1:17)

4. The *Express Image* of God
  - a. Again – a very tough concept for a Jew
    - 1) Man was initially made in the image of God (1Cor 11:7)
    - 2) That image was marred, ruined by sin
    - 3) A believer is being changed BACK into the right image of God (2Cor 3:18; Rom 8:29)
    - 4) We have a new man in us (Col 3:10) that is the image of God
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ IS the image of God (John 14:6-9; 2Cor 4:4; Col 1:15)
    - 1) Jesus is simply what God Almighty is like
    - 2) Jesus IS the same God of the Old Testament
    - 3) Only now, in the flesh – bodily
  - c. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ image you can bow before (Philp 2:10)
    - 1) Not a picture of Him, but the thought of Him
    - 2) Compare with people bowing to images and thoughts of Baal (Rom 11:4)
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our Sins (Heb 1:3)
  - a. As the Lamb AND as the High Priest at the same time
  - b. This was the primary purpose of the first coming of the Messiah
  - c. Jesus accomplished what no other High Priest could do in the entire Old Testament – remove all sin for all time for anybody! EVEN GENTILE sins!
  - d. The purging is stated as an accomplished fact – not *on-going* as with Catholicism
  - e. Sins were not just “forgiven” but purged – REMOVED – burned out
    - 1) Like the burning of the sacrificial lamb
    - 2) Even the ashes were dumped
    - 3) There was to be no more remembrance of sins
    - 4) At least until NEXT year under the Law
  - f. Jesus is currently \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) PROOF that Jesus accomplished the Atonement
    - 2) There were no \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament Tabernacle/Temple – because the priest’s work was NEVER done
  - g. At the Right hand of God...
    - 1) Was a place of \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 16:11)
    - 2) A place of \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 63:8)
    - 3) A source of \_\_\_\_\_ (Dt 33:2)
    - 4) A place of \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 17:7; 20:6)
    - 5) A place of \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 48:10)

**D. Jesus is Greater than \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb 1:4-14)**

1. As a Man He was better than ALL angels
  - a. Jesus was made a little lower than the angels
  - b. And yet was made BETTER than the angels!
  - c. Jesus was NO angel – not \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) Yet the JW’s say Jesus is the arch-angel Michael
    - 2) Many Seventh day Adventists say Jesus was Michael. “*The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty.*” SOURCE: Ellen G. White (1903, ms 150, SDA; Commentary V, p. 1129)

2. Jesus Christ is said to be four things (Heb 1:5):
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ – not that God had a Son in heaven, but was the WORD of God before he became the Son of God (1John 5:7)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Ps 2:7; 1Chr 22:10; 17:11-14; 2Sam 7:12-14; Pr 30:4)
  - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
    - 1) What is the significance of the word "first-begotten"?
    - 2) More sons will be begotten of the Father and Christ will have pre-eminence among them.
  - d. Worthy of \_\_\_\_\_ – this is the clincher!
    - 1) No angel was ever worthy of worship. Whoever this is, he is worthy even of ANGELIC worship!
    - 2) No MAN was ever worthy of worship
    - 3) ONLY GOD is worthy of worship
    - 4) SO... Jesus must be what? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Question: On what "day" was Christ begotten as the Son of God?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1:35)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 3:22)
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:4).
4. Angels, with all their power and greatness (flames of fire) are... (1:7,14)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_, ministers – that's all!
  - b. Taking care of people who are the heirs of salvation (1:14)
  - c. Yet, they are might beings (1Thes 1:7; 2Pet 2:11)
    - 1) Created by Jesus (Col 1:16)
    - 2) More powerful than any human being!
    - 3) One can kill 185,000 men in one night (2Chr 32:21)
    - 4) They are quite able to wage war and win it in heaven (Rev 12:7)
5. Yet Paul goes further (Heb 1:8-13)!
  - a. Paul quotes God the Father calling Jesus, not just His Son, but \_\_\_\_\_!
    - 1) God calling His Son, GOD! Only possible in a TRINITY!
    - 2) There are no other 'gods' beside GOD (Isa 44:6,8; Hos 13:4)
    - 3) The new world translation: *"But with reference to the Son: God is your throne forever and ever, and [the] sceptre of your kingdom is the sceptre of uprightness"*
  - b. Jesus the SON, as GOD has an ETERNAL THRONE
  - c. His sceptre is His right to rule, His rightful authority to take over!
  - d. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ this place (even though he possessed it at first) as a MAN (1:9)
  - e. Paul quotes a creation verse and labels it as Jesus (1:10-12)
    - 1) As creator of all things
    - 2) As eternal himself
  - f. The Bible teaches the Laws of Thermodynamics
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ – that matter and energy cannot now be created or destroyed (John 1:3 – there is nothing now being created)
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ – that everything is wearing out, not improving or getting more organised and more powerful!

