
Hebrews 1:1-14

Topic: This is one of the most neglected books of the bible. We don't know who the author is, but we do know it was written for the instruction of the temple before 70 A.D. It is to the Jews what the book of Romans is to the Gentiles. Hebrews tells of sacrifices and rituals and exalts the sovereignty of Christ. It tells his relation to Moses and Abraham and all those people. This is why the Book of Hebrews is so great.

Vs1: the opening word to this entire book is God. The writer here claims that in different ways and in different times, God speaks to men through many people. One of the most frustrating things about studying the bible is that there is a piece here and a piece there. It's just not organized in a concise orderly manner. Why did God do this? To find out who really wants to spend time, energy, and effort to dig out all the information and meanings, to find out what He really has to say about a certain issue. It's like putting together a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle without the picture on the box top.

Vs2: in the Old Testament, the prophets told you everything in different ways, different times, and different pieces. Now He's telling us everything through Jesus. "Brightness" in the Greek means if you get out into the sunlight, sees the rays, the brightness, the heat, the healing, and all the effects of the sun, but you cannot look directly into the sun. It'll burn your retinas and make you blind. The men that got to see Jesus at that time got to see God in the flesh. "Express image" in the Greek means the "perfect likeness", or an exact copy of His image.

Vs3: Christ sits at the right hand of God's throne.

Vs4: "Being made so much better than the angels" this means a positional location, a physical location. There is a lot about angels in Hebrews. The Jews thought angels should be worshipped, but they should not be. The word angel means messenger. They are God's messengers only. The writer here wants us to understand that Christ is higher than the angels.

Vs5: where can you find anywhere in scripture that God called angels His son? Begotten means child, unique and different. God has never claimed angels as His children. Angels shall be our servants in heaven.

Vs6: "First begotten" means :first risen from the dead." Again, we see that Chris is the exalted one, not angels.

Vs7: God uses angels for messengers. They do God's bidding.

Vs8: notice Christ here is called a God. When Christ, who is God, reigns with His scepter of righteousness, all will be judged correctly, not unfairly like it's done now here on earth.

Vs9: this is talking about Jesus here. Every Christian should love righteousness and truth and hate inequity and lawlessness. Again, Christ is anointed higher than all, even higher than angels. "Oil" used in scripture means "holy spirit".

Vs10: Here it's exalting Christ again as the creator of the universe.

Vs11: creation, or the universe, gets older every day and all will perish.

Vs12: but Christ never gets older, never changes, is the same today as he was and as he ever will be. We all get old, but not Christ. The Jews were about to lose their temple and infrastructure, so this author wanted them to be prepared.

Vs13: back to the angels, angels are not the big deal. The author wants us to see that Christ is the one to worship and be in awe of, not angels.

Vs14: Angels are sent minister to humans, who are God's heirs, who will become part of God's church.