

HEBREWS 1

- We will now study the book called Hebrews.
- We are not sure who wrote the book of Hebrews, but it was written by God through a Jewish man.
- We know this because there is much in this book from the Old Testament.

Let's read Hebrews 1:1-2

- 1-In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,
- 2-but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.
- In the Old Testament, God chose people who were called prophets, and spoke through these prophets.
- God spoke through these prophets to prepare the way for the Savior, the Lord Jesus.
- Now, in these last days, God has spoken to us through His Son, the Lord Jesus.
- Both the Old Testament prophets and the Lord Jesus spoke the Word of God.

-As the Old Testament prophets and the Lord Jesus are prophets, what is the difference?

- The Old Testament prophets were given the Word of God, but the Lord Jesus IS the Word of God.
- The Lord Jesus is the prophet above all other prophets.
- The Lord Jesus is the Word of God Himself, creator of heaven and earth, and the heir of all things.

Let's read Hebrews 1:3

- 3-The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
- The Lord Jesus shares the glory of God because He is an exact representation of God the Father.
- The sun, the moon, the stars, the rain, the wind, and all of the rest of the world are sustained by Christ.
- If Christ did not sustain the earth, the world would fall apart.
- As God, the Lord Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father.

-What does the Lord Jesus seated in heaven teach us?

-That His work to die and save people from sin is finished.

-If Christ's work was not finished, He would not be sitting down.

-What does the Lord Jesus seated at the right hand of God the Father teach us?

-That Christ has the seat of greatest honor, greatest power, and greatest glory.

-The Lord Jesus is superior to all of the prophets.

Let's read Hebrews 1:4

4-So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

-The name of the Lord Jesus is above all names.

-This means that in all of eternity there is no one more important than the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Not only is the Lord Jesus superior to all of the prophets, but He is also superior to all of the angels.

-There are some religions that teach that the Lord Jesus

is only an angel, and that He is not God.

-This is a lie from Satan.

-There are some people who pray to angels.

-Should we pray to angels?

-No.

-Angels are only servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

-We should only pray to God.

Let's read Hebrews 1:5-6

5-For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

6-And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

-How did the Lord Jesus become the Son?

-Did God give birth to a son?

-No.

-How did the Lord Jesus become the Son?

-Before He came to earth, the Lord Jesus was one in heaven with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

-To save people, however, the Lord Jesus humbled Himself, left heaven to come to earth to save us, and

became a Son to the Father.

-In eternity past, Christ was one with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

-It was only when Christ came to earth that He was called Son of God.

-Christ is not the son of Joseph, nor the son of Mary, but the Son of God.

-What does “Son of God” mean?

-It means that Christ is not from man nor from earth, but from God and from heaven.

-Only on earth is Christ called Son of God.

-In heaven, Christ is Almighty God.

-How is the Lord Jesus the firstborn?

-He is the firstborn from heaven, having left heaven to come to earth.

-Jesus is also the firstborn from the dead (Col 1:18).

-“Son of God” and “firstborn” are pictures of the superiority of Christ over all creation.

-Because God’s angels worship Christ, what does this

teach us?

-That Christ is God.

-Angels will only worship God and no one else.

-The Lord Jesus is superior to all the angels.

Let’s read Hebrews 1:7-8

7-In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.”

8-But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

-In verse 8 which is from Psalm 45:6, God the Father says to God the Son, “O God.”

-In this verse, God the Father is teaching us that God the Son, the Lord Jesus, is equally God.

-Angels are spirits and the Lord Jesus was spirit before He entered the flesh and came to earth.

-The difference is that the Lord Jesus is God who created the angels, and therefore, the angels belong to Him.

-Angels do not have a kingdom nor a throne.

-Angels are simply servants of King Jesus.

-It is the Lord Jesus alone who has a kingdom and a throne.

-The reign of the Lord Jesus will be completely just, and will last for ever and ever.

Let's read Hebrews 1:9

9-You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

-Some people say that this verse teaches us that the Lord Jesus is not God because the verse says, "your God."

-This is not true.

-We must understand that as Hebrews 1:8 is from Psalm 45:6, Hebrews 1:9 is from Psalm 45:7.

-We must also understand that in this psalm, God the Father is talking to people about God the Son who is Christ.

-Here is a translation of part of the verse above:

-“Therefore, God the Father who is your God has set Christ above all of the rest of you.”

Let's read Hebrews 1:10-12

10-He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

11-They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

12-You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”

-In these verses, God the Father calls Christ “Lord.”

-It was Christ with God the Father and the Holy Spirit who laid the foundations of the earth and the heavens.

-And one day, God will make a new heaven and a new earth, and the old will pass away.

-It is God alone who never changes.

Let's read Hebrews 1:13-14

13-To which of the angels did God ever say, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

14-Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

-The Lord Jesus sits at the right hand of God the Father.

-Angels are only servants to do the will of God, serving God and those of us who believe in Christ.