

A close-up photograph of an open Bible. A magnifying glass is positioned over the word 'Hebrews' in the title of a chapter. The text is slightly blurred, but the word 'Hebrews' is clearly visible and enlarged by the magnifying glass. The background shows other pages of the Bible with some text visible, including 'Philemon' and 'The Son Superior to Angels'.

# Hebrews

## Word on Wednesday - Study on the book of Hebrews

# Epistle

Listening to a telephone conversation.  
= Need to piece out the conversation by  
looking at **context and culture**.

# Study on Hebrews

## Background knowledge:

Culture & Context

Bible study skills: Observation – Interpretation - Application  
=Words of Emphasis  
=& Repeated words  
=& Compare & Contrast (esp for Hebrews)

# Background

- Who is **HEBREWS** written to?
  - 24 Greet all of your leaders and all the saints. **Those from Italy** greet you. 25 Grace be with you all.
    - Hebrew Believers in Italy (Rome)
  - Who is **HEBREWS**?
    - Exodus = Hebrews = 12 tribes of Israel/Jacob
    - NT = Mainly Jews (Judah) + some surviving members of other tribes.

# Background

- What is the context of **HEBREWS**?
  - 10:34 *For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the **seizure of your property**, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.*
  - 12:4 *You have **not yet** resisted to the point of **shedding blood** in your striving against sin.*

# Background

- **When is the writing of *HEBREWS*?**
  - *Before the Temple Destruction (AD70)*
    - *Reference to the Temple in present tense*
  - *After the writing of Romans (AD57-AD58)*
    - *Different problems ie idolatry, immorality vs suffering church*
  - *Likely AD63-AD64*
  - *Reign of Emperor Nero (AD54-AD68)*
    - *Persecuted the Church ie new religion*
    - *Tolerated Judaism*

# Background

- What is the purpose of **HEBREWS**?
  - *To encourage the believers (Jewish) not to return to Judaism.*
  - *By pointing out Jesus as the Source (Exact representation) and Son of God.*
  - *By pointing out the inadequacy of Judaism.*
  - *By pointing a more perfect way to confront tribulation and suffering.*
    - *Don't drift, don't harden your heart, etc*
    - *Do pay closer attention, consider, encourage one another, live by faith*

## OVERVIEW OF HEBREW

### HEBREWS – THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

SUPREMACY  
OVER OT OFFICES  
C1-7

SUPREMACY  
OVER OT ORDERS  
C8-10

SUPREMACY  
IN THE SAINTS  
C11-13

What would a pious Jew say about having a relationship with God?

Hear from God = Messenger: from God to man

Save by God = Deliverer: from God for man

Intercede to God = Mediator: between God and man



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from God to man

such as angel & prophets

C 3

**Deliverer;**

of God for man

such as Moses & Joshua

C 5

**Mediator;**

between God & man such as Priesthood;

#### SUPREMACY OVER OT ORDERS C8-10

OT ORDER

C 8 Covenant

C 9 Tabernacle

C 10 Sacrifice

#### SUPREMACY IN THE SAINTS C11-13

THROUGH FAITH

C11

Faith defined

C12

Faith demonstrated

C13

Faith developed

Read Chapter 1-2

Share Observations for Chapter 1

# Hebrews 1- God's Final Word in His Son

1 God, after He **spoke** long ago to the fathers in **the prophets** in **many portions and in many ways**, 2 in these last days **has spoken** to us in **His Son**,

whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. 4

God spoke ...	
Long Ago	Last Days
In the Prophets	In His Son
Many Portion & Ways	Has Spoken (completed)

Jesus is the complete **LOGOS**.  
God “speaks” through His Spirit to affirm the revelation of Jesus.

*Is He still speaking today?*

# Hebrews 1- God's Final Word in His Son

7 STATEMENTS TO DEMONSTRATE THE SUPERIORITY OF JESUS  
OVER PROPHETS (in v2 & 3)

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HEIR

CREATOR

ESSENCE

IMAGE

PRESERVER

PURIFIER

REIGNING GOD

4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has  
inherited a more excellent name than they.

# Hebrews 1- God's Final Word in His Son

From v5-14

= 4 questions + 3 statements that  
Jesus is more superior than Angels

5For to which of the angels did He ever say,  
"YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? And  
"I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO

6And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He sa  
"AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

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YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS."

10And,

**Can you see the 4 Questions?**

"YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE  
THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; 11THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME  
OLD LIKE A GARMENT, 12AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP;

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**4 rhetorical questions & 3 statements  
= Jesus is more superior than the Angels!**

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YOUR HANDS; 11THEY  
ROLL THEM UP;



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## Hebrews 2 - Give Heed

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**For = BECAUSE**

**Jesus is greater than the Prophets and Angels (Messengers from God to man)**

- **Call to hear the Word V 1**
- **Call to heed the Word v3**

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Can you see the contrast?

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Words from Angels	Spoken through the Lord
Proved unalterable	Confirmed by those who heard
	Testified by signs, wonders, miracles, gifts
	According to His own will
Received a just penalty	How to escape? 1e more severe!

# Hebrews 2 - Give Heed (BAD NEWS BEFORE GOOD NEWS)

***We see MAN***

5For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking. 6But one has testified somewhere, saying,

"WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?

**DIGNITY**

7"YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; 8YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET "

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

**DESTINY**

# **WE SEE JESUS**

1. who was made for a little while lower than the angels,
2. crowned with glory and honor,
3. taste death for everyone.
4. bringing many sons to glory,
5. author of their salvation
6. who sanctifies
7. call them brethren,
8. *proclaim Your name to My brethren,*
9. *"I will put My trust in Him."*

## **10.V14 partook of the same (nature)**

- 11.might render powerless him who had the power of death,
- 12.might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.
- 13.gives help to the descendant of Abraham.
- 14.had to be made like His brethren in all things,
- 15.become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God,

## **16.V17 to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

- 17.was tempted in that which He has suffered,
- 18.He is able to come to the aid of those

**A SAVIOR WHO  
UNDERSTANDS**

**-OUR NATURE  
(INCARNATION V 14) AND**

**-OUR NEEDS  
(PROPITIATION V17).**

# Interpretation

- What is God trying to say to us?
  - *How do we link all our observations?*

JESUS is more superior than all the messengers; ANGELS AND PROPHETS.

- He is the Eternal Word of Scripture (MESSAGE)
- He has done the Eternal Work of Salvation (MESSENGER)

# Application

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- Sins to confess,
- Promises to claim,
- Attitudes to cultivate,
- Command to comply,
- Example to copy,
- Scripture to contemplate.

- In the light of the Word of God concerning
- SUPERIORITY OF JESUS OVER THE MESSENGERS...
- How then shall I live?
- CROWN HIM AS LORD & SAVIOR:
  - Make time to Hear His Word: 30mins per day
  - Make effort to Obey His Word: pray – rehearse – act (within 24hrs)



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**Homework:**  
**C3-4**