

STUDYING THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 1 - The Son Superior to Angels - Hebrews 1:1-14

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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HEB 1:1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers 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 he made the universe. [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. [4] So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

HEB 1:5 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" ?

HEB 1:6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

HEB 1:7 In speaking of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,
his servants flames of fire."

HEB 1:8 But about the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever,
and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.

HEB 1:9 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."

HEB 1:10 He also says,

"In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

HEB 1:11 They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.

HEB 1:12 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."

HEB 1:13 To which of the angels did God ever say,

"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet" ?

HEB 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. How did God speak to people in the past? (1:1)
2. What was God's means for speaking to mankind in "these last days"? (1:2)
3. What unique honors or activities did God the Father delegate to Jesus? (1:2)
4. What works did Jesus do that only God could do? (1:2-3, 10)
5. Who is Jesus? (1:2-4)
6. What does Jesus show us about the nature of God? (1:3)
7. What astonishing feat is attributed to the Word of Christ? (1:3)
8. What was Jesus' primary ministry on earth? (1:3)
9. What did Jesus do after completing His earthly ministry? (1:3)
10. What does Christ's exalted status in heaven say about His similarity to angels? (1:4)
11. How is Jesus distinguished from God? (1:5)

12. What is the relationship of Jesus and the angels? (1:6)
13. To what extent do the angels honor the Son? (1:6)
14. What are angels like? (1:7)
15. What name or title applies to Jesus, the Son? (1:8)
16. What is Jesus' nature? (1:10-12)
17. What will happen to the enemies of Christ? (1:12)
18. What do angels do? (1:14)