

East Jackson Church of Christ  
Wednesday Evening Bible Class – **Lesson 1 – God’s Son Superior to All**  
Sam Jones, Teacher - September 23, 2026 – **Hebrews 1:1-14; 2:1-4**

### **Introduction to the Study of Hebrews**

1. **Author** - The **Book to the Hebrews** is one of \_\_\_\_\_ books of the New Testament. Who is the author of this book is debatable. Its authorship has been attributed to \_\_\_\_\_, Barnabas, \_\_\_\_\_, Apollos, \_\_\_\_\_, Peter, and \_\_\_\_\_. Although we can’t know with certainty the human hand used to pen this book, we can know with certainty that the \_\_\_\_\_ is the divine author (**2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:20-21**).

- **Who were the Hebrews?** In **Genesis 14:13**, Abram or Abraham is referred to as a \_\_\_\_\_. The word Hebrew came to be used to identify the Israelites or Abraham’s descendants.
- So, the Hebrews, that the author is addressing, were \_\_\_\_\_ Christians who had retained their ancient Hebrew language.

2. **Date** - The date as to when this book was written is also uncertain. The internal evidence, such as the fact that \_\_\_\_\_ was alive at the time the book was written (**Heb. 13:23**) and the absence of any discussion about the destruction of \_\_\_\_\_ in A.D. 70 indicate the book was written between A.D. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Purpose** - There are at least two purposes for the writing of this book to the Hebrew Christians: **first**, to encourage these Christians to \_\_\_\_\_, that is, to endure (**Heb. 10:23**), and **second**, to warn them not to \_\_\_\_\_ their faith in Christ, that is, not to become a victim of “**apostasy**” – to fall away from the faith (**Heb. 3:12**).

4. **Recipients** - The book was written to Hebrew or Jewish Christians who lived in \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_ (**Heb. 13:24**), who were facing persecution, spiritual burnout, and the temptation to return to \_\_\_\_\_.

5. **Theme** - The basic theme of the **book of Hebrews** is found in the word “\_\_\_\_\_.” The author in describing the superiority of Jesus in several ways by describing how He is “\_\_\_\_\_” in providing us the following:

- 1) better \_\_\_\_\_ - **1:1-4**
- 2) better expectation - **6:9**
- 3) better \_\_\_\_\_ - **7:7-11, 20-28**
- 4) better hope - **7:19**
- 5) better \_\_\_\_\_ - **7:22; 8:6**
- 6) better promises - **8:6**
- 7) better \_\_\_\_\_ - **9:23**
- 8) better possession - **10:34**
- 9) better \_\_\_\_\_ - **11:16**
- 10) better resurrection - **11:35**

## **Chapter One**

1. The **author of our study book** divides lesson one into three sections:

**first section** - **God's Speech by His Son (1:1-4),**

**second section** - **God's Son Superior to Angels (1:5-14), and**

**third section** - **God's New Message Superior to the Old (2:1-4).**

2. Read **verses 1-4**. In **section one** (God's Speech by His Son) - the book opens with the author declaring God (**Jehovah**) the Father, in the Old Testament, spoke through the \_\_\_\_\_ in different avenues: (**See page 8 for additional ways**)

- 1) He spoke to Moses by a \_\_\_\_\_ - **Ex. 3:4**
- 2) He spoke to Ezekiel by \_\_\_\_\_ - **Ezek. 1:1-3**
- 3) He spoke to Hosea by \_\_\_\_\_ - **Hos. 1:2-3**
- 4) He spoke to Daniel by visions and \_\_\_\_\_ - **Dan. 8:15-16 and 12:1**

3. The study book points out four prepositional phrases describing God's communication: (**See page 7**)

- 1) The timing - "**in the** \_\_\_\_\_"
- 2) The target - "**to our** \_\_\_\_\_"
- 3) The medium - "**through the** \_\_\_\_\_"
- 4) The methods - "**in various** \_\_\_\_\_"

4. **Thought Question** – Based on what has been revealed to you about God. What do you know about God? (**Be prepared to discuss your answer.**) \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Today, in these “\_\_\_\_\_ **days**” (**the Christian dispensation** or **messianic age**), God speaks to His disciples and people in the world through \_\_\_\_\_. The author then tells us the following seven things about God’s glorious Son (**vv. 2-3**): (**See pages 8-9**)

- 1) **He is** \_\_\_\_\_ **of all things** – God has made Him \_\_\_\_\_ over all things. This mean He is preeminent, that is, the perfect representation of God, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the children of God, because He is the “**firstborn**” (**v. 2**).
- 2) **He** \_\_\_\_\_ **the worlds** – He was with God the Father when the universe was created and participated in the creation (**v. 2**), along with the \_\_\_\_\_ (**Gen. 1:26**).
- 3) **He is the** \_\_\_\_\_ **of the Father’s glory** – Although we have never seen the Father, we see Him through Jesus; Jesus, in the flesh, reflected the “**brightness of His glory**” (**v. 3**). We see the Father’s \_\_\_\_\_ through the “**rays**” of the Son of God.
- 4) **He is the exact** \_\_\_\_\_ **of His person** – Jesus perfectly represents God to us; He is the “**express image of His person**” – character (**v. 3**).
- 5) **He** \_\_\_\_\_ **all things by the word of His power** – Jesus demonstrates the power of His word by sustaining the universe; also, during His ministry by healing, forgiving people of sin, calming the sea, and casting out demons; He demonstrates the power of His word (**v. 3**), by maintaining the universe.
- 6) **He** \_\_\_\_\_ (**cleansed**) **our sins** – He has made it possible for us to be redeemed from our sin (**v. 3**); John the Baptist recognized this about Jesus, when he said, “**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world**” (**Jo. 1:29**). He is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- 7) He sat down at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Majesty on high – He now is at the right hand of the Father in a position of honor, of one who has finished or completed the work assigned to Him (**v. 4**).
6. These are some of the reasons why Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ is so much better (**superior**) than those spoken by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Also, Jesus' words are superior to \_\_\_\_\_ (**v. 4**).
7. Read **verses 5-14**. In **section two** (**God's Son Superior to Angels**) - the author points out four ways in which Jesus is better than **angels**:
- 1) He has a more \_\_\_\_\_ than angels, – the writer quotes two passages spoken by God where He refers to Jesus to be " \_\_\_\_\_ " or " \_\_\_\_\_ " - (Read **Psalms 2:7** and **2 Samuel 7:14**); nowhere in Scripture has God ever elevated angels to this status.
    - Angels, in **Job 1:6**, are called " \_\_\_\_\_ of God;" Christians, in **Romans 8:14**, are called " \_\_\_\_\_ of God," but no angel or person other than Christ has been called " \_\_\_\_\_ of God" – God always referred plural to angels and Christians, but singular when referring to Jesus.
  - 2) He receives \_\_\_\_\_ from angels (**vv. 6-7**). The angels worshipped Jesus for He is \_\_\_\_\_ of their worship.
    - The author uses the phrase "**when He again brings the \_\_\_\_\_ into the world**," what is he saying? Was Jesus the first person born? The answer is **NO**. The word "**firstborn**" here refers to rank, position, or status; the Son because of His status, \_\_\_\_\_ above all creation (See **Col. 1:15, 18**). Angels and all created beings \_\_\_\_\_ Him (**Jesus**) because of His \_\_\_\_\_; He is the first born, that is, He is God's Son.
    - God says, "**Let all the angels of God worship Him**" – this is accepted as a quote from the \_\_\_\_\_ [often abbreviated **LXX** – is a collection of Greek translations of Hebrew Scriptures created for Greek speaking Jews] in **Deuteronomy 32:43 and Psalms 97:7** that says, "**Rejoice, O heavens, with Him, and let all God's angels worship Him.**"

- The second quote, “**Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire**” of **Psalm 104:4** demonstrates that Jesus the Messiah is \_\_\_\_\_ over the angels – the angels belong to Jesus. The angels are simply \_\_\_\_\_. They are spirits and they are flames of fire, which serve as \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

3) **He is greater in \_\_\_\_\_ than angels** – (**vv. 8-12**). Note – In verse 8, God the Father calls Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_. No angel has ever been addressed in this manner. In contrast to angels, Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_; He is enthroned.

- There are three words used to describe Jesus’ Kingship – \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (**v. 8**). He rules in righteousness. His rule is upright and just, and He hates \_\_\_\_\_. He has been anointed with \_\_\_\_\_ of gladness (**Olive oil was used to anoint kings of Israel**).
- The quotation of **verses 10-12** speaks to the eternal nature of Jesus; He laid the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. Heavens are the work of His hands. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but all the creation is temporary.
- Remember angels are \_\_\_\_\_ beings (**Psa. 148:2,5**), but Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things (**Col. 1:16**).
- Note on **page 10**, the author highlights several additional features of angels.

4) **He has a greater \_\_\_\_\_ than angels** – (**vv. 13-14**). Jesus has been enthroned until all \_\_\_\_\_ are placed under His feet (**1 Cor. 15:24-26**); Jesus came to the earth to fulfil an important role or function, that is, to destroy those things that separate us from God and keeps us from enjoying God’s reward.

- The writer asks the question, but to which of the angels has God the Father said, “**Sit at my right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool**” (**Psa. 110:1**)?
- Jesus has a superior role as \_\_\_\_\_; angels, they have a lesser function. They are serving \_\_\_\_\_. They are only servants; they are spirits sent to care for people who will inherit \_\_\_\_\_ (**v. 14**).

- It's noteworthy that based on **Hebrews 1:2** and **1:14**, Jesus and Christians are described as \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Read **Hebrews 2:1-4**. In **section three** (God's New Message Superior to the Old) - the Hebrew writer says that because Jesus is superior or better than angels, we must \_\_\_\_\_ to His spoken words.

- In **verse 1**, the word "\_\_\_\_\_" is used to connect what had been said with what is about to be said.
- The application of chapter one is - because of the superiority of Jesus to angels - therefore, Christians must \_\_\_\_\_ to the words spoken by Jesus.
- God used the \_\_\_\_\_ as a mean in delivering His law to Moses on Mount Sinai; those who didn't obey those words later spoken by Moses were punished (See **Deut. 33:2**, **Gal. 3:19**, and **Acts 7:53**).
- A failure to give heed to the words spoken by Jesus can create the real possibility of Christians \_\_\_\_\_ from God; the writer declares in **verse 2** that if the words spoken through angels proved \_\_\_\_\_, and every transgression and disobedience received a just \_\_\_\_\_ of reward.
- Then "**How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a** \_\_\_\_\_?" The great salvation refers to God's scheme of redemption through \_\_\_\_\_.
- The writer, in **verse 3**, contrasts the people of the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament with the people of the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament; if they of the Old Testament suffered \_\_\_\_\_ for disobeying the word that came through \_\_\_\_\_, then how much more certain is it that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God shall be executed upon those who \_\_\_\_\_ the word spoken by God's Son, in the New Testament.
- On **pages 13-14**, the book states three aspects of the Son's salvation:
  - 1) the salvation was announced by the \_\_\_\_\_ (**Lk. 4:16-21**).
  - 2) this salvation was confirmed by those who first heard the message, the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) this salvation had been confirmed through God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, with various \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.