

Bible Study on Hebrews 2 of 8 – Leader Guide
Hebrews 1:3 – 2:18 – Jesus’ Superiority over the Angels

Schedule:

9/17 – Hebrews Introduction & 1:1-2

9/24 – 1:3 - 2:18 (Jesus’ Superiority over the Angels)

10/8 – 3:1 - 4:13 (Jesus’ Superiority over Moses)

10/15 – 4:14 - 7:28 (Superiority of Jesus’ Priesthood: Jesus, the New Melchizedek)

10/22 – 8:1 - 10:18 (Superiority of Jesus’ Sacrifice)

10/29 – 10:19 - 11:40 (Exhortation to Faithfulness and OT Examples of Faith)

11/12 – 12:1-29 (Jesus the Ultimate Example of Faithfulness & warning against disobedience)

11/19 – 13:1-25 (Final Exhortations, Blessings and Greetings)

Hebrews Chapter 1

1:1-4

- A. This particular section of Scripture is used every Christmas Day.
- B. 1:3 was used in support of the 2nd article of the Nicene Creed.
 - a. “Radiance” (light of light) = of the same Substance
 - b. “Imprint” & “nature” = the Son is distinct from the Father.
 - c. The Father and the Son are unique according to their Person, and yet one and undivided according to the substance.
- C. In verses 3-4 we see a description of Jesus’ nature, His work, His position, and His status.¹
 - a. Jesus is seated “at the right hand of the Majesty on high”
 - b. The right hand of God represents all authority & glory.
- D. As great as the angels are, Jesus is far greater, because He is the Son of God, by whom all things were made, and He has been exalted over them and upholds them.

1:5-14

- A. In these verses, the author quotes Seven Old Testament passages, to proclaim that Jesus, as the Son of God is superior to the angels.

¹ Kleinig, *Hebrews*, 56.

a. The Father calls Jesus His “Son” (:5), “the firstborn” (:6), “God” (:8-9), “Lord” (:10).

B. The Father ≡ The Son The Son ≥ the angels

C. Jesus, being God, sends out the angels for our benefit (1:14).

2:1-4

A. This is a call back to 1:1-2

a. There it was a proclamation that God has spoken to us through His Son. Here it is a warning! There were consequences to not listening to messages from the angels & prophets → How much more so if we don’t listen to Jesus or to those who heard Him!

2:5-16

A. For our sake, God made Jesus lower than the angels, before exalting Him above all else.

a. The humiliation of Jesus – when He became man, Jesus still had His divine attributes but He did not use them.

b. Jesus’ state of exaltation begins at His death, when He conquered sin, death and the devil.

B. In taking on human flesh, Jesus became our brother.

a. Jesus is greater than the angels, and yet, He suffered and died for the offspring of Abraham → all those who have faith.

2:17-18

A. This is a very good sermon. These verses are a perfect transition.

a. Jesus is our brother who experienced the life of a man and offered His life as a sacrifice – as the great high priest.

i. Offered His life = Active and Passive obedience.

ii. Jesus lived a sinless life (active) and was obedient to death (passive), even death on a cross.

God Bless.

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