

## LESSON 1

### LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

#### The Son Superior to Angels Hebrews 1–2:4

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2,3*

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16*

#### Day 1: Read Hebrews 1–2:4.

1. As you read the passage, jot down your impressions along with words and phrases that stand out. What is the theme of these verses?
2. In which verses is Jesus identified as God?
3. Look just at verses 1–4. What details do we learn about Jesus? What words are used to describe the relationship between God and his son, Jesus?

#### Day 2: Read Hebrews 1:1–14.

4. What do the words “he...sat down” (verse 3) tell us about Christ’s work as Redeemer?
5. Optional: List the Old Testament quotations that appear in this passage.

6. From the author's use of the Old Testament, who do you think is the book's intended audience?

**Day 3: Read Hebrews 1:5–14.**

7. List the questions asked in these verses.
8. Notice how often angels are mentioned in this chapter. What did the Jewish Christians to whom Hebrews was written know about angels? See 2 Samuel 14:20; 2 Kings 19:35; Psalm 68:17; 103:20; 104:4.
9. Try to find the specific comparisons between the angels and Christ in the following verses:
  - A. 1:4, 5
  - B. 1:6
  - C. 1:7–12
  - D. 1:13, 14
10. Why do you think the writer of Hebrews compares what God has said about angels with what God has said about his son Jesus? (Look ahead to 2:2, 3)

**Day 4: Read Hebrews 2:1–4.**

11. What is the tone of these verses? What is the writer's main point?

12. What have “we...heard”? (Review 1:1, 2) What's the lesson here?

13. From these verses can you infer what may have been some of the spiritual struggles of the people to whom this letter was written?

14. Jot down a few things that you don't pay careful attention to. What might it mean for you to “pay more careful attention to what you have heard”?

**Day 5: Read Hebrews 2:1–4; 10:26–31.**

15. If you ever had an experience drifting (at the beach, for example) share it with your group. What was your state of mind before you realized you were drifting? After?

16. What was the message “spoken by angels”? (See Galatians 3:19b and Hebrews 10:28) What is the message to us in Christ?

17. Read Hebrews 2:3 with 10:29. What does it mean to ignore such a great salvation?

18. Who has witnessed this “great salvation”? (Heb. 2:3, 4) Have you personally experienced it?