

THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST

Hebrews 1:1–2:9

Each week, read the entire Scripture passage before you begin. Record verses where you find your answers.

Memorize God's Word for the week: Hebrews 1:1-2.

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

DAY 1: HEBREWS 1:5-7—THE QUESTION

1. The author of Hebrews quotes from Psalm 2. What does that tell you about how the early church viewed the Old Testament?
2. From Acts 13:32-37, what facts are given that are not present in Hebrews 1:5-7?
3. From the following Scripture passages, how did God use angels in Old Testament history?
 - a. Genesis 19:1-17
 - b. Exodus 23:20-23
 - c. Daniel 8:15-19
4. What is the relationship between the angels and Christ?

DAY 2: HEBREWS 1:8-12—THE ARGUMENT SET FORTH

5. List the characteristics and works of Christ that you find in these verses.
6.
 - a. Verses 10-12 make a comparison. How would you explain these verses to someone unfamiliar with Scripture?
 - b. Write a few descriptive words to express what this knowledge reveals about Jesus Christ. (For example, He is majestic).

DAY 3: HEBREWS 1:13–2:4—THE ARGUMENT'S CONCLUSION

7. What is one of the tasks of angels, according to 1:14?

8. a. Chapter 1 does not discredit angels; it does exalt the Son. On that basis, what significant truth is implied in Hebrews 2:1-3?

b. Suggest how the truth of Hebrews 2:1 can be applied throughout your study of Hebrews.
9. What are some of the “*signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit*” (2:4) that God uses to validate the salvation He provides? (See Acts 5:12-16; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11.)

DAY 4: HEBREWS 2:5-8A—A TESTIMONY ABOUT THE WORLD TO COME

10. Read Genesis 1:26-28. Record the facts that support the view of man’s worth and his dominion over all created things.
11. a. From Hebrews 2:6b-8a, list those phrases that refer to Jesus specifically and to mankind in general.

b. What does this tell you about your significance in God’s eyes?

DAY 5: HEBREWS 2:8B-9—“WE SEE JESUS”

12. In Hebrews 1:4, Jesus is said to be “*superior to angels,*” while in Hebrews 2:9, that “*for a little while [He] was made lower than the angels.*” How do you understand both statements to be true?

DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

APPLY what you have learned. Just as Jesus, while on earth, did not display the full magnitude of His glory, His followers will receive more glory in the life to come: “*If [we are God’s] children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us*” (Romans 8:17-19). We have a rewarding eternal existence to look forward to because He “tasted death” (Hebrews 2:9) for us.