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### **OPENING PRAYER**

***Hebrews, chapter 1 – God's Supreme Revelation – vs. 1-4; The Son Exalted Above Angels – vs. 5-14. Hebrews 1:1-14***

- **The Book of Hebrews is exactly what it says. It is written to the Hebrews**, the Jewish believers. It is commonly accepted that Paul was the author of the Book of Hebrews. It is my opinion that that is probably correct. It has touches of Paul's style in it. In that the authorship by man, is not given, that is a reminder that we must keep our focus on the true author, that is God Himself!
- **They are at a transition of dispensation.** When Jesus had the Last Supper with the disciples, when He took the cup. He said this cup is a New Covenant in My blood for the remission of sins. God has now established a New Covenant with the nation of Israel, which means that the Old Covenant is no longer valid. The temple worship, the sacrifices, the priesthood, are no longer valid, because God has now, in Jesus, established a new and a better way! They are that transition of leaving the Old

Covenant, with its tradition, and entering into the New Covenant, this new relationship with God, now made possible because of what Jesus Christ has done!

- **There were many Jews who embraced the gospel.** On the day of Pentecost, as Peter was preaching, some three thousand people believed and were added to the church. Just a few days later, at the miracle of the healing of the lame man, some two thousand more. We read that of the priests, many became believers. But then, there arose a problem in the church because those Jewish believers were still sort of held by tradition, to some of the old facets of the law. They sought to make an admixture of the two covenants, trying to mix together this New Covenant of grace with the Old Covenant of the law. Thus, some of them were even going so far as returning to the temple sacrifices. This issue will be dealt with as we go through the Book of Hebrews. This is a letter to the Jews concerning this New Covenant that we have in Christ Jesus.
- **The writer of Hebrews exhorts them to go on to perfection, (6:1).** His appeal is based on the superiority of Christ over the Judaic system. Christ is better than the angels, for they worship Him! He is better than Moses, for He created Him! He is better than the Aaronic priesthood, for His sacrifice was once for all time. He is better than the law, for He mediates a better covenant! In short, there is so much more to be gained in Christ than to be lost in Judaism! Pressing on in Christ produces tested faith, self-discipline, and visible love seen in good works.
- **The Epistle to the Hebrews is addressed to Hebrew believers, who were second guessing their conversion to Christianity.** Was it really enough, to trust in Christ? Although its teachings are for believers of every race in every age. It is very meaningful to you and to me today. However, we do need to keep in mind that it was written to and for Hebrew believers. For example, to say that Christ is superior to the prophets would be especially meaningful to a Hebrew.

### ***The Supremacy and Sufficiency of God's Son***

**TEXT: (Heb 1:1-4)** *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, [2] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; [3] who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, [4] having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

### ***The Supremacy and Sufficiency of God's Son***

**Heb 1:1** *God, who at various times (pollumeros - different times, dispensations) and in various ways spoke in time past (palai – formerly, of old) to the fathers by the prophets,*

- **God! The declaration of the truth that God had spoken.** The Old Testament Scriptures are indeed the Word of God. (2Ti 3:16-17) *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.* Holy men wrote as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit. God spoke in different ways. He spoke through visions. He spoke through dreams. He spoke through similitudes. He spoke through an audible voice. He spoke through that still, small, inner voice. He spoke through circumstances. We see that it is God's desire to let man know, not to hide, what He thinks!
- **Who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets.** Think how God spoke to Adam, Cain, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, by the prophets such as, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel-Malichi. Whatever method was used, however—whether direct dictation or special revelation or the individual knowledge and ability of the writer—all were so guided and illumined by the Holy Spirit that the words, finally written down, were as though spoken by God Himself. (Rom 15:4) *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. (1Pe 1:10-12) Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, [11] searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. [12] To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.*

**Heb 1:2** *has in these last days* (*eschatos* – extreme, final, end of days) **spoken to us by His Son** (in Son), whom **He has appointed** (1) **heir of all things, through whom also** (2) **He made the worlds** (*aion* - ages);

- **He has now in these last days spoken finally, completely and assuredly to us** by His own dear Son. Referring to the age of the Messiah, it may be a long period, having already been over 1900 years, but “*these last days*”, is the last period!
- **It was important that man know the truth of God.** Jesus pointed out how skewed their understanding of what God said, had become. Jesus was constantly saying, you have heard that this is what God said, but I say unto you, as He was correcting the misinterpreting of what God had spoken to the people, really making the law of no effect. When you let men get involved, they complicate it. God taught very straight, plain, simply, His laws and His ways to the people. There really isn’t much difficulty in understanding the Ten Commandments, but yet they began to complicate it. They had the *Mishna*, which was the oral tradition of interpreting the commandments. Then they developed the *Talmud*, which were the written tradition, that interpreted the *Mishna*, the oral tradition. It became more complicated all the time. Look how complicated the basic laws in the United States have become.
- **God has in these last days**, the time when Jesus the Messiah would come, **spoken to us by His Son, clearly and plainly!** An understanding of God is now possible by looking at Jesus! I can know God in truth as I look at Jesus. Unfortunately, even with the church, we’ve through the years, have messed up the message of Jesus and confused the message of Jesus in so many places. (**Joh 14:9**) *Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?*
- **God has spoken by His Son, we ought to pay attention and not to drift away.** Because it’s the word, that was spoken by the messengers of the Old Testament, (**Heb 2:1-3**) *Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. [2] For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, [3] how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.* So God has spoken to us through His Son. It is the last and final thing God has to say to a lost world ! And it is Jesus!
- **In (Heb 12:25) See that you do not refuse Him who speaks.** *For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven.* Don’t refuse the words of Jesus!
- (1) **Whom He has appointed heir of all things** - Speaking of the Son! Now the beautiful thing is, that God has declared that we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ!
- (2) **Through whom also He made the worlds.** God has appointed Him the heir of all things and *through whom also He made the worlds (ages)*, referring to time, space, energy and matter the entire universe! He is the Creator of all things! (**Joh 1:1-3**) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*
- **In (Col 1:15-17) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.** [16] *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. [17] And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist of!*

**Heb 1:3** *who being* (not that He became; not that He was) (3) **the brightness** (radiance, outshining) **of His glory and the** (4) **express image** (*charaktēr* – exact representation, replica) **of His person, and** (5) **upholding** (maintaining) **all things by the word of His power, when** (6) **He had by Himself** (no one else, including ourselves, could do it) **purged** (cleansed, purified) **our sins,** (7) **sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,**

- (3) **Who being the brightness of His glory,** Jesus is the outshining, the effulgence, brilliant radiance, expressing the concept of sending forth light or shining. He is the source and originator of light! Not reflection, the Son is not just reflecting God’s glory! Jesus is God, radiating His own essential glory! (**Joh 8:12**) *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* (**2Co 4:6**) *For it is the God who commanded*

*light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

- **There was what they called the *Shekinah***, that glowing of God's presence that was there in the Holy of Holies, just that glow of God's presence. We are told here that Jesus is that glow, that outshining, that effulgence of God's glory!
- **(4) *The express image of His person***, He is the express image of His person, the exact replica of God! He could say if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father! He is the express image of the person of God. The Greek word had a reference to the image that was made with a signet ring, where you press the signet ring into the wax, leaving an express image of the ring. So, Jesus is the express image of God.
- **(5) *Upholding all things by the word of His power***. He upholds, maintains, all things by the word of His power. This is equivalent, by Him are all things held together!
  - **Coulomb's law of electricity speaks of the repelling force of positive charges, the attraction of opposite poles**, but the repelling of the positive poles. Try holding the ends of two magnets together, when aligning the positive and negative charges!
  - **In the nucleus of an atom, you have protons or positive charges** that are tightly clustered together, in defiance of the natural bent of positive charges to repel. It is a mystery what holds the positive charges together in the nucleus. Scientists have learned that by bombarding the nucleus of an atom with slow moving neutrons, they can disengage the positive charges, which starts a fission, a nuclear reaction, which releases tremendous energy. The force that holds the positive charges together has to be greater than the force that is released when the atom is upset.
  - **Peter speaks about the end of the age, when the thousand years of Christ's reign is over**, and God creates a new heaven and a new earth. In **(2Pe 3:10)** *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.* Peter is describing what will happen when the Lord releases the material universe to be dissolved, when the protons are free from that hold and that power. The whole thing just goes up!
- **(6) *When He had by Himself purged our sins***. Jesus has cleansed us from sins. **(1Jn 1:7)** *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (Tit 2:14) who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*
- **(7) *Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, depicting a victorious Savior, not a defeated martyr!*** His work is finished! On the cross He cried, *it is finished!* He was talking about the redemptive plan of God! Through the death of Christ, it was complete. The way is now made for sinful man to approach the Holy God, through the New Covenant in the blood of Jesus Christ, whereby we are washed and purged from our sin, and thus have access unto the Father! “
- ***Sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high***. The Lord Jesus received a glory and a majesty when He went back to the Father's throne that He never had before. There is something in heaven today that was not there twenty-five hundred years ago or in eternity past, because in the glory now is the Man with nail-pierced hands and the prints of nails in His feet and a spear wound in His side. Even in His glorified body they are there, and when we see Him, we shall know Him by the prints of the nails in His hands. Twenty-five hundred years ago He was God, but today He is the God-man.
- **The effect of sin is always that of separating a person from God.** **(Isa 59:1-2)** *Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. [2] But your iniquities have separated you from your God.* That is always the case. In order for us to have fellowship with God, the sin issue has to be resolved. Jesus, through His death, purged us from our sins. There is no other way!
- **Jesus said, Father, if it is possible. If what is possible?** If fellowship with God and man, is possible by any other means, then Jesus prayed, let this cup pass from Me, nevertheless, not what I will, but Thy will be done. Had redemption been possible by man being good, being religious, being sincere, keeping a law, then Jesus would not have had to have died!
- **There would have been a standard, set**, and we would all be required to keep that standard. But no man can keep God's standard of righteousness. We've all sinned and come short of the glory of God. Thus, we all need the redemptive plan of God, worked out personally in our own lives! *By Himself, He purged our sin and then He sat down.* The work is finished! Now He is able to receive, and the Father will receive all who come to God by Him!

**Heb 1:4** *having become so much better (higher in rank) **than the angels** (messengers), **as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.***

- **Having become** - The Son, by His essential deity, is acknowledged as *being the brightness*, but in His perfect humanity, He was being made. He created all the angels, but when He became man, He was made “*a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death*” (**Heb 2:9**), but now, having been “*appointed heir of all things*” (**Heb 1:2**), in His glorified humanity, He is forever *better than angels*, even in His humanity.
- **He is the man, Christ Jesus. He is the Son of Man today.** That is the emphasis of this Hebrew epistle. In the Old Testament it is believed that the Lord Jesus Christ is referred to as “*the Angel of the Lord.*” But in the New Testament He becomes a man, and having assumed human form, He does not appear as *the Angel of the Lord* any longer.
- **So much better than the angels!** This word, **better**, is used thirteen times in the Book of Hebrews. Because the author is interested in showing that through Jesus Christ, we have a **better** way. Here, we see The Son *having become so much better than the angels!*
- (**Heb 7:19**) *for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.* We have a better hope than they did under the law!
- (**Heb 7:22**) *by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.* Much better than the covenant that said do and live, the better covenant that said, believe, and live!
- (**Heb 8:6**) *But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.* He is the Mediator of a *better* covenant, again, which was established upon better promises.
- (**Heb 9:23**) *Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.* He is talking about how they sprinkled blood on the Tabernacle. Everything that was used in the Tabernacle had to be sanctified by the blood of the bulls and so forth, that they had killed, but the heavenly by a better sacrifice, even that of Jesus Christ!
- (**Heb 10:34**) *for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.* You have a *better* and an enduring substance in heaven! The heavenly substances are so much better because they are enduring! These are all temporal. Those are enduring! In heaven, a better and an enduring substance.
- (**Heb 11:16**) *But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.* He is talking about these men of faith in the Old Testament.
- (**Heb 11:35**) *Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.* If we suffer with Him, we will reign with Him!
- (**Heb 11:40**) *God having provided something better for us, that they, (the Old Testament saints) should not be made perfect apart from us.*
- (**Heb 12:24**) *to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.* Able offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. But even a better sacrifice than Able, is ours through Jesus Christ! So, the better way, the better Covenant, the better resurrection, the better hope, all of these things are ours in Christ. Being made so much better than the angels!
- **Cults do not teach that Jesus is God!** The Jehovah Witnesses, seek to identify Jesus as Michael the archangel. In their belief system, they do believe and teach that Jesus is Michael, the archangel. The Mormons teach that Jesus is the brother of Lucifer. Lucifer was a cherubim, and thus, they would put Jesus down to an angel classification, being the brother of Lucifer. Cults always reduce who and what Jesus is, never teaching that He is God!
- **As He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.** But Jesus is so much better than the angels. Now he is going to contrast Jesus and the angels, which are spirit beings created by God to minister to Him and do His bidding. (**Php 2:9**) *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name, which is above every name.*

## ***The Supremacy and Sufficiency of God's Son - Christ's Superiority to Angels***

**TEXT:** (*Heb 1:5-14*) [5] *For to which of the angels did He ever say: "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? And again: "I WILL BE TO HIM A FATHER, AND HE SHALL BE TO ME A SON"? [6] But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM." [7] And of the angels He says: "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS SPIRITS AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE." [8] But to the Son He says: "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER; A SCEPTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM. [9] YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS MORE THAN YOUR COMPANIONS." [10] And: "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS. [11] THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY WILL ALL GROW OLD LIKE A GARMENT; [12] LIKE A CLOAK YOU WILL FOLD THEM UP, AND THEY WILL BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT FAIL." [13] But to which of the angels has He ever said: "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL"? [14] Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

- ***Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY (at a point in time) I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? And again (first coming): "I WILL BE TO HIM A FATHER, AND HE SHALL BE TO ME A SON"? (Luk 1:35) And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.***
- **We see here a series of quotations from the Old Testament.** There are seven quotations here, (of at least Twenty-five quotations, also fifty allusions from the Old Testament Scriptures in Hebrews. Six of them are from the Book of Psalms, which give us such a complete picture of Christ. The writer of Hebrews gives us these important quotes from the Old Testament to enforce his point, which is superiority of the Son over the angels.
- ***For to which of the angels did He ever say? "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY (probably referring to the day Christ sat down at the Father's right hand after He accomplished His work as the Messiah) I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? God didn't say that to any of the angels. You are My Son! This day I have begotten You! Jesus said, God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son! We are adopted! Jesus was begotten!***
- ***Did He ever say? A continuing objection of the Jews to Jesus has been that God has no Son, since He is one God. The writer begins by showing that their own Scriptures prove God to be both Father and Son. This particular reference is from Psa 2:7, referring not only to God's Son, but also to His coming resurrection, as the first begotten from the dead, (Act 13:33) God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.'*** The word *today* indicates that God's Son was born in a point of time. He was always God, but He fulfilled His role as Son in space and time at His incarnation and was affirmed as such by His resurrection
- ***And again: "I WILL BE TO HIM A FATHER, AND HE SHALL BE TO ME A SON"? He is quoting from 2 Samuel 7:14. No angel ever experienced such a relationship! He shall be to Me a Son. A title of Christ expressing the voluntary submission of the second person of the Godhead to the first person for the purpose of fulfilling the program of redemption established in eternity past!***

***Heb 1:6 But when He again (second coming) brings the firstborn (first in line) into the world, He says: "LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM (Jesus)."***

- ***He again (a reference to the Second Coming) brings the firstborn into the world. The firstborn refers to the uniqueness, the prominence of position or title, not to the order of time. Christ was not the first to be born on the earth, but He holds the highest position of sovereignty. As firstborn, He is also set apart to the service of God and, being pre-eminent, is entitled to the inheritance.***
- ***The angels are commanded to worship Jesus.*** When Satan tempted Jesus, with the offer of the kingdoms of the world and the glory of Jesus, if He would bow down and worship him, Jesus quoted the Scripture, (*Mat 4:10*) *Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.' "*
- ***LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM. Only God is to be worshipped!*** But when

God commands the worship of the Son, that equates to the fact that Jesus is God! Worship Him! He ordered to the angels. The Son does not worship angels, but is worshipped by angels! That's out of the Septuagint version of *Deuteronomy 32:43*. Note that the writer of Hebrews was surely conversant with the Old Testament Scriptures, just quoting so many different passages. He was tying them together, the Scriptures that refer to the Son versus the angels, declaring that the heavenly beings themselves must recognize the lordship of God!

***Heb 1:7 And of the angels (in a servant status) He says: "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS SPIRITS AND HIS MINISTERS (Jesus is the Sovereign, while the angels are ministers) A FLAME OF FIRE."***

- ***He says. This passage is quoted from Psa 104:4, the great psalm of Creation, providence and the Flood. The angels were created as spirits, evidently immediately after the creation of the universe; they have not existed from eternity. As the next verses assert, however, the Son has been forever. Note again Heb 1:5 and Psa 2:7 : "You are My Son ...." This prophecy was given a thousand years before the Son became man, yet He already was the Son!***
- ***He is quoting Psalm 104:4, continuing biblical proofs that the angels are subservient to the Son. The quote merely defines the primary nature and purpose of angels.***
- ***This reminds me of the two fellows who met after not having seen each other for a long time. One of them said, "Are you married?" The other one replied, "Yes, I'm married." His friend then asked, "What kind of a girl did you marry?" "Well," replied the other fellow, "I married an angel." The other one said, "You sure are lucky. My wife is still alive!" (McGee)***

***Heb 1:8 But to the Son (in contrast to angels, which are ministering servants) He says: "YOUR THRONE, O GOD (accorded the rank of full Deity), IS FOREVER AND EVER; A SCEPTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM.***

***Heb 1:9 YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS MORE THAN YOUR COMPANIONS (close associates or partners)."***

- ***The Father calls the Son, O God! If God calls Him God, then who am I to call Him anything less? But to the Son He says: "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER! Notice He says, Your throne, O God! That's from (Psa 45:6-7) Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. [7] You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. This is one of those powerful Scriptures!***
- ***The Apostle John called Him, God! Remember what John wrote, (Joh 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.***
- ***Thomas said, My Lord and My God! When Jesus showed to Thomas the nail prints in His hand, (Joh 20:28) And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"***
- ***Paul said our citizenship is in heaven, (Tit 2:13) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ!***
- ***Here, God is calling Him, God! That should be sufficient! But to the Son He says, Your throne, Oh God, is forever and ever!***
- ***Do you want to deny that Christ is God manifest in the flesh? If so, then you are contradicting God Himself! God called the Lord Jesus, God. What are you going to call Him? I don't know about you, but I am also going to call Him God! He is God manifest in the flesh! He is superior to angels because He is going to rule over the universe! He is the Messiah! He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords who is going to rule over the earth some day!***
- ***(Pro 30:4) Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?***

***Heb 1:10 And: "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.***

- ***These verses Heb 12:10-12 are quoted from Psa 102:25-27. This is a tremendous statement telling***

us that the Lord Jesus is the Creator. These are tremendous contrasts given to us in this section: Angels are the creatures; the Lord is the Creator. ***YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.*** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

- **When you look at the vast universe in which we live, it gives you a little bit of a concept** of how vast God, the Creator must be! The Bible speaks of Him, stretching out the heavens as a curtain. He talks about Him measuring the heavens with His span, holding the waters of the earth in the palm of His hand! Lord, in the beginning, You laid the foundation of the earth. The heavens are the work of Your hands! When I consider the heavens, the Psalmist said, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained. What is man that you are mindful of Him?
- **When we go out of the city, where the light pollution is not so great**, into that beautiful clear, mountain air, the dark sky, you can still see the Milky Way. Seeing that, you realize the millions upon millions of stars that make up this Milky Way galaxy, and that our planet Earth, is just so insignificant, when compared to the universe!
- **In one corner of the Milky Way, we have a star that we call the Sun** about which orbit the nine planets. We have this little planet, called earth, some eight thousand miles, in diameter. A speck of dust, orbiting around this star, the Sun, some ninety three million miles away, which happens to be just exactly the right distance to get the right amount of heat and energy to support life on the planet Earth! It was fortunate that that's just the right distance!
- **This little planet out here, spins on its orbit at about a thousand miles a minute (67,000 mph)!** The sun, in the same token is orbiting within the Milky Way galaxy. The earth, being about eight thousand miles in diameter, one million, two hundred thousand times smaller than the sun. The sun is orbiting at a speed of about thirteen miles per second (47,000 mph), which is very fast. The sun is eight hundred and sixty five thousand miles in diameter, one million two hundred thousand times greater than the earth in volume.
- **If you would carve out a hole in the center of the sun and leave a crust a hundred thousand miles thick**, you could set the earth in the center of the sun, and have the moon rotating around the earth, and have a hundred thousand miles to spare. That's a pretty big object, the sun.
- **When we send the rockets into space, we're a little familiar with the power** that it takes, the thrust it needs to develop, in order to get a rocket into orbit that weighs a few tons. We know the tremendous energy and force and thrust. What kind of thrust do you suppose it took to get sun moving in its orbit? What kind of thrust do you suppose it took to get the earth into orbit?
- **The Psalmist said (Psa 8:3) When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained!** Oh, the vastness of the God that we serve! He flung the universe into space, all of the giant stars.
- **The sun is only a medium size star!** It's not even one of the big stars. Betelgeuse is so much bigger than the sun! When I consider the heavens! And I love to do that! He says, Lord, in the beginning, You laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.
- **(Deu 33:27a) The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms!** It doesn't say that God holds you with His finger. He holds you with His arms! *Underneath are the Everlasting Arms!* If He can create the whole vast universe with the work of His fingers, I ought to feel very secure in His arms, *underneath the everlasting arms!* Oh, glory, I love it!

***Heb 1:11 THEY*** (the heavens and the earth) ***WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN*** (the same); ***AND THEY WILL ALL GROW OLD LIKE A GARMENT;***

- **(Heb 8:13) In that He says, "A NEW COVENANT," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.**
- **They will perish! We read about it in (Isa 34:4) All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree. (2Pe 3:7,10) But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. [10] But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.** One day, this whole vast universe, God is going to fold it up. It's interesting how that those scientists that hold to the big bang theory, talk about how that at one time, all of the matter of the universe was the size of a dried pea, which requires more faith than I have in

science. That all of the matter, all of the stars, all of the matter in the universe, was once condensed so tightly, so compactly, then the whole thing exploded, and all went out into space. Here out in the Milky Way, this sun and as it was spinning, it threw off masses of heat, which became the planets and they fell into order away from the sun and all. They somehow go spinning too, and keep spinning.

- **What or Who keeps us spinning out here?** It seems to me that we might slow down and stop spinning and then just show one face to the sun. But here we are and it just, they say that when we have expanded unto the fullness of this original explosion, then there will be a slow gathering back again, as the universe begins to collapse. Rather than expanding, it will start drawing back again, until it is all compacted into this powerful gravitational pull and it becomes just a small little dried pea again. Then there will probably be another explosion. Of course you understand, it takes some fifteen billion years to get out to the full expansion and how long it will take to gather back, you won't have to worry about it tonight.
- **But it was interesting, Jesus said, (Mat 24:35) *Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.*** In Hebrews, here, we read of the enduring substance.
- **Peter said, (2Pe 3:11) *Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?*** What manner of persons ought we to be? Surely, not materialists, because the material universe, will one day disappear. We need to be Spiritual, which is eternal.

***Heb 1:12 LIKE A CLOAK YOU WILL FOLD THEM UP, AND THEY WILL BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT FAIL."***

- **The unchanging God! (Psa 102:27) *But You are the same, And Your years will have no end. (Mal 3:6) "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. (Heb 13:8) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!*** The universe? Yes, that doesn't last forever. There was the burst of the universe. Just how, the scientists theorize, with a big bang. But others have other theories. But we don't know. No one was there to observe and record it. But it's going to pass away. The Son who created the universe, will one day destroy the heavens and earth that He created, but He remains unchanged. Immutability is yet another characteristic of the divine essence. Once again, the OT testifies of the Son's deity.
- ***Like a cloak, You (God) will fold them up. They will be changed.*** God said, (Isa 65:17-18) *"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. [18] But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy.* The word, create, there, is the same word in Hebrew as in (Genesis 1:1a) *In the beginning God created.* The word is *bara*. He brought out of nothing, the universe. The physicists say He brought it out of a little compact matter. But God said, I'm creating all things. New heavens, new earth, the old heavens, the old earth will pass away and not be brought into mind. The future, the eternal future with God in the new universe, where the old sin is not to be brought into mind.

***Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL"?***

- ***But to which of the angels has He ever said:*** So Jesus, the Creator, is far superior, to any angel!
- ***SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL?*** A quote from *Psa 110:1*. The Psalms teach the deity of Christ, giving a more complete picture of Christ than in the Gospels. Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father. There are five references in Hebrews to Christ, the Son of God, at the right hand of God (*Heb 1:3,13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2*).
- **The Father, will one day, make *His enemies, His footstool and every knee should bow at the name of Jesus!* (Php 2:10-11) *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, [11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father,* expressing the sovereignty of Christ over all!**

***Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?***

- **Angels are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister.** But God didn't say to the angels, just rest, sit at my right hand until I take care of all of the rebellion, which God will do in the Great Tribulation period. But the angels *are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who will inherit salvation. (Psa 91:12) In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Rom 8:17) and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*
- **For those who will inherit salvation.** Salvation here is not justification because it is in the future, not in the past. The reference is to believers who inherit the kingdom or rule in God's kingdom as a reward for their service to the Son. *(Col 3:24) knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*
- **So we begin with Jesus, much better than the angels.** He has spoken to us much better, than the prophets, of this new and living way, which is much better than the old way through the law; therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard. That is the things that we have heard from Jesus, we need to pay attention.
- **Christ is the Son; angels are servants. Christ is King; angels are subjects. Christ is the Creator; angels are creatures. Christ is to be worshipped; angels are to worship Him!** Christ at this moment is waiting until His enemies will be made His footstool. The Father never gave such a promise to an angel, but He says that someday His Son shall rule. This tremendous section sets before us the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is so much higher than the angels!

#### SUMMARY:

- **We are thankful for the better way**, which God has provided for us through His Son, Jesus Christ, for **the better covenant, the better hope, the better promises, the better sacrifice.**
- **Lord**, we wonder as the Psalmist in *(Psa 8:4a) What is man that You are mindful of him? Who am I that You should be mindful of me? Who am I that You should love me? Who am I that You should give Your Son for me? Who am I that You should desire fellowship with me?*
- **Lord**, those are mysteries that we don't understand, but we receive them joyfully and gratefully, that **You would love us**, that **You would want to fellowship with us**, so much, that **You would be willing to make such a great sacrifice** to make it possible.
- **Oh God, You are so good, so good to me.** I thank You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### CLOSING SONG:

##### **JOY TO THE WORLD** – Isaac Watts (1719) – Handel (2:12/2:15)

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing*

*Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
plains Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy*

*He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of  
His love.*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature  
sing!*

#### CLOSING PRAYER:

**Read and meditate over Hebrews Chapter 2!**