

Hebrews Part One

Lesson #3, Chapter 1:1-4

Read Heb. 1:1-14 before beginning this lesson. Be sure to ask the Lord for wisdom as you study His Word.

1. According to vs. 1 what did God do? When did this take place? Who were the recipients? How was that carried out?
2. The writer of Hebrews reveals that God accomplished His purpose in many portions (times) and in many ways. Look up the following verses and record what you learn about how God interacted with men long ago: Ex. 3:2, 4; 24:16; Num. 12:5-8; Luke 24:44; Rom. 1:1-2; and 1 Pet. 1:10-12.
3. God's past action from vs. 1 is contrasted with His current action in vs. 2. How are they different?
4. When God spoke long ago who was His audience? See vs. 1 and Luke 1:55, 70-73.
5. In these last days who is His audience? See vs. 2 and Matt. 17:1-5; Jn. 15:15.
6. The phrase *in these last days* is loaded with meaning. Look up the following verses to discover how the "Hebrews" would have understood it. See Jer. 33:14-16; 1 Cor. 10:11; James 5:8; 1 Pet. 1:20; 4:7; 1 John 2:18

7. God has spoken to us in His Son. What is the significance of that truth? See John 15:15-17; Eph. 2:17-18; 3:8-12; 1 Tim. 2:5.

8. Without Jesus Christ giving Himself for our sins we would never have had access to God. We would still be separated from God, without hope, without help, cut off from His presence. How can you utilize this precious privilege more? See Heb. 4:16; 7:25; 10:19-22.

9. Think of one practical way you can remind yourself to make full use of your access to God. (Now commit to putting that into practice this week!)

10. God appointed Christ heir of all things according to vs. 2. What is an *heir* (Strong's #2818)? Explain how Christ is the heir of all things from the following verses: Ps. 2:7-9; Is. 9:6-7; Matt. 28:18; John 3:35.

11. What does Gen. 1:1 say about the creation of the world? What does Heb. 1:2 have to say about the creation of the world (See also Jn. 1:3; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16)? What does this tell you about Christ?

12. The writer of Hebrews states in vs. 3 that Christ is the radiance of God's glory. Look up Ex. 33:17-23, 34:6-7; Ezek. 1:28 to see how God's glory is described. Explain how Christ is the radiance of God's glory from Jn. 1:14; 17:5 and 2 Cor. 4:4, 6.

13. Next in vs. 3 we learn that Christ is the exact representation of His [God's] nature. If someone is an *exact* representation of someone, what does that tell you about him or her? So, in this case, what does it tell us about Christ?

14. Next, we learn that Christ upholds all things by the word of His power. Define *uphold* (Strong's #5342 [NIV *sustaining*]). Look up 1 Cor. 8:6; Eph. 1:10; and Col. 1:15-20 to see what is sustained by His power.

15. What else do you learn about Christ from vs. 3 that we haven't discussed yet?

16. Define *purification* (Strong's #2512 [KJV *purged*]). The same word is also used in Luke 2:22 and 2 Pet. 1:9, while Heb. 9:14 doesn't use the same word, yet communicates the same meaning. What do you learn?

17. What does the writer of Hebrews convey when he says that Christ sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high? See Heb. 10:11-14; 12:2; John 19:30; Rom. 8:34; Rev. 3:21.

18. How did Christ become *better* than the angels when He provided cleansing of our sins and sat down at the right hand of God?

19. What do you discover about Christ's most excellent name according to Is. 9:6; Luke 1:31-35; John 3:18; Phil. 2:9-11?

20. A famous old hymn declares, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all." How can you give honor to Christ's name in your daily life?

21. Read Heb. 1:1-4 again. What is the main point the writer of Hebrews wishes to convey in these verses?

22. Consider how that truth should impact your life. List at least 5 ways this knowledge should affect how you think and live.

“Other men had the threads of truth; but Christ took the threads, and wove them into a glorious robe, put it on, and came forth clothed with every truth of God.”

~Charles Haddon Spurgeon¹

¹Charles H. Spurgeon, *Spurgeon's Sermons: Volume 50*, electronic ed., Logos Library System; Spurgeon's Sermons (Albany, OR: Ages Software, 1998).