Welcome to Women's Bíble Study!

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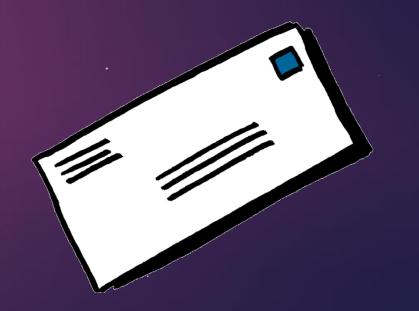


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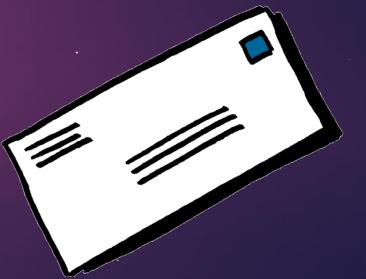


Genre? Epistle



What is an Epistle?

An Epistle is a letter from a particular <u>person</u> (or people) written to a particular <u>person</u> (or people) at a particular <u>time</u> in history for a particular <u>purpose</u>.



What about Hebrews?

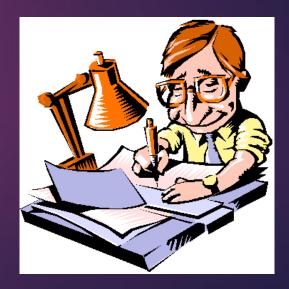
Hebrews="word of <u>exhortation</u>" (Hebrews 13:22) making it more of a sermon than a letter.





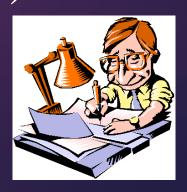


Genre: Epistle Author?





Genre: Epistle Who is the author? Unknown -2nd generation Christian (Hebrews 2:3) -Strong understanding of the <u>Levitical rituals</u> (Tabernacle, Covenant, Atonement, Priesthood)





Genre: Epistle Author: Unknown Recipients?







Recipients? Unknown

- -2nd generation Jewish Christians
- -Jews who had an understanding of <u>Old Testament Scriptures</u> and accepted them as authoritative.
- -Had endured persecution but not to the point of death.
- -Had compassion on those in prison and <u>served</u> fellow Christians who were suffering.
- -Needed to press on to maturity as they were in danger of falling away. <u>encouragement</u>



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When was it written?



<u>Review</u>

When was it written? Unknown
Timothy is imprisoned (Hebrews 13:23)
Temple had not yet been destroyed which puts it around <u>mid 60s AD</u>.





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"Better than"

"Let us"

Because Jesus is "better than

___, let us

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 \rightarrow Hebrews powerfully shows that Jesus is the <u>fulfilment/substance</u> of the <u>promise/shadow</u> that went before. He is "better than" all that pointed to Him. Therefore we can have confidence and hope.



Background

Creation





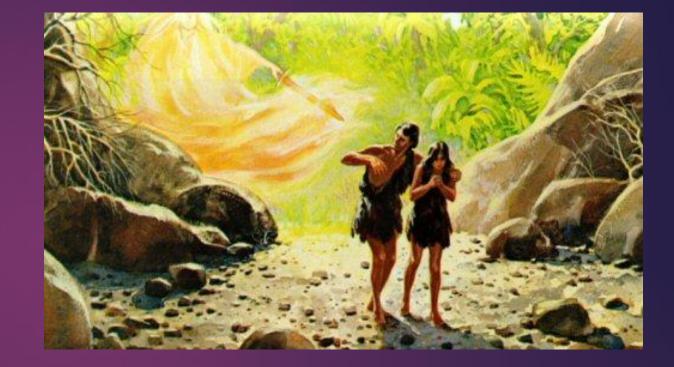








Fall



Flood



Tower of Babel

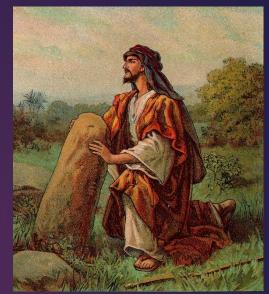




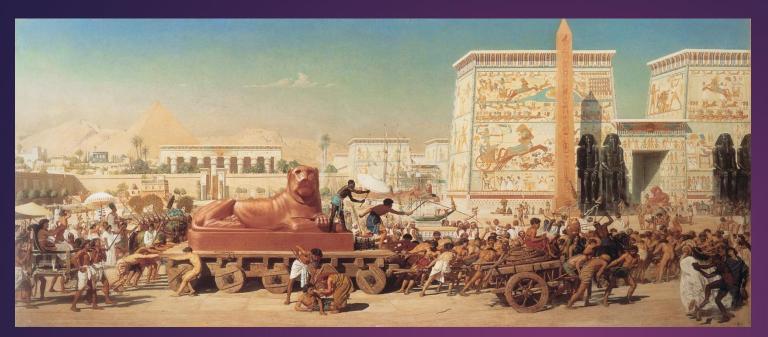
Abraham



Isaac



Jacob



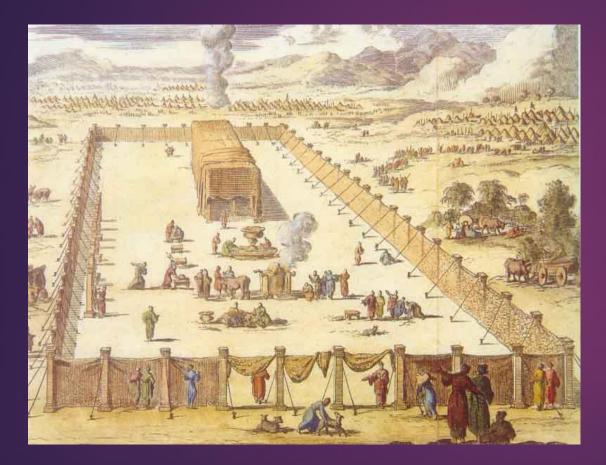
Exodus from Egypt

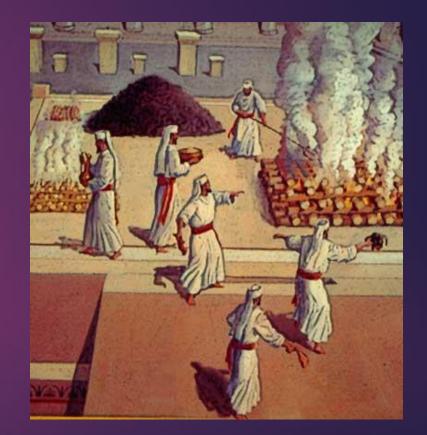


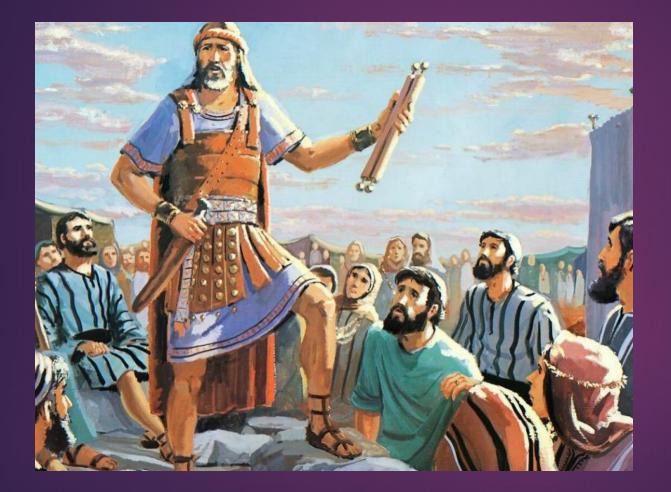
Moses: Covenant and the Law



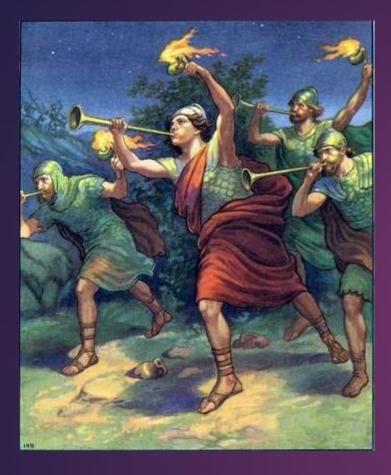
The Tabernacle: Sacrifices and Priests







Joshua





Judges









Kings

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"He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord"

Elijah Elisha Jonah Amos Hosea

Nahum Jeremiah Obadiah Zephaniah Habbakuk Ezekiel

Prophets

Haggai Isaiah Joel Zechariah Malachi

Exile



Throughout the Old Testament, we see a pattern where the people consistently rebel and yet God persistently pursues. He never leaves them or forsakes them-He is a faithful, covenant keeping God



"The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising His words and scoffing at His prophets" (2 Chronicles 36:15-16)



Hebrews 1:1-4: God spoke through His Son

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.



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Stages of revelation-first through the prophets and finally in the Son. In the first stage, revelation is given in many ways but when Christ came, He was God's final word. Revelation progresses up to Christ but there is no progression beyond Him. He brings in a time of fulfilment. (Bruce)



1. He is <u>heir</u> of all things.

2. Through Him God made the <u>universe</u>.



All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. (John 1:3)

For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. (Colossians 1:16)

3. He is the radiance of God's glory.



-"Just as the radiance of the sun reaches the earth, so in Christ the glorious light of God shines into the hearts of men and women" (Bruce)

4. He is the exact imprint of His nature.

-What God is, is seen in Christ. He bears the very stamp of His nature

5. He <u>upholds</u> the universe by the Word of His power

-Not only did Christ create the universe but He actively upholds it.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. (Colossians 1:17)



6. He has made <u>purification</u> for sins

-Transition to His salvation work in the realm of mankind. The main point being that He has accomplished something no one else could do. As a result:



6. He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
-The picture is one of exaltation and supremacy over all.
He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. (Ephesians 4:10)
Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, (Philippians 2:9)









These affirmations set the stage to show that Christ has all the qualifications to be the mediator between God and man. He is the <u>Prophet</u> through whom God has spoken His final word. He is the <u>Priest</u> who has cleansed His people's sins and He is <u>King</u> who sits enthroned on high. (Bruce)

As a result, He, as the Son, is far more superior to the angels as His Name is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to Him a father, and He shall be to me a Son"?

And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

"Let all God's angels worship Him."

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"He makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire."

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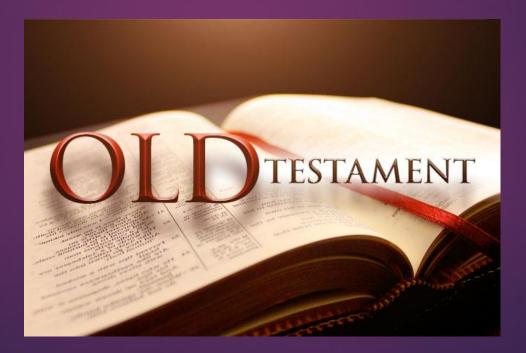
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The author is going to reference <u>7 Old Testament passages</u> that back up his argument that the Son is better than the angels:



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Psalm 2:7

"I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."-Context: Psalm of David as the Lord's Anointed when facing his
enemies. But like many promises to David, the full fulfilment would
be found in the Messiah from David's line.

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2 Samuel 7:14

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"When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son."

-Context: The prophet Nathan is answering David's desire to build a house for the Lord. The task falls to Solomon, David's son, but he was not yet the ultimate fulfilment.

The Davidic Covenant

The Promise to David:

And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'" (2 Sam. 7:16)

We see the fulfilment in:

Gabriel's <u>Announcement</u> to Mary:



He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, (Luke 1:32)

The Davidic Covenant

Zechariah's Prayer:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people
69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,
70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,



At Jesus's <u>Baptism</u>:



And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11)

The Davidic Covenant

Believers after <u>persecution</u> in Acts quoting Psalm 2:

When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

"Why did the Gentiles rage,

and the peoples plot in vain?

26 The kings of the earth set themselves,

and the rulers were gathered together,

against the Lord and against his Anointed—

27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. (Acts 4:23-28)

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(Psalm 89:27)

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Psalm 89:27

And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. 28 My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him. 29 I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens. -Context: Psalm of David with both present fulfilment in David and future fulfilment in David's line. Firstborn=before all creation.

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Deut. 32:43

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Deuteronomy 32:43

"Rejoice with him, O heavens; bow down to him, all gods, (Deuteronomy 32:43)

-Context: Originally this passage was referring to Yahweh whom the angels are to worship. Here the author claims that worship for the Son. The New Testament clearly claims that the honor given to the Father, was to be given to the Son as well:

"that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." (John 5:23)

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He lays the beams of His chambers on the waters;
He makes the clouds His chariot;
He rides on the wings of the wind;
4 He makes His messengers winds,
His ministers a flaming fire.



-Context: Psalm to show the place of angels as God's ministers. In contrast to the angels as ministers, He says of the Son:

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Psalm 45:6

Psalm 46:6

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-Context: Celebration of a royal wedding likely of the house of David. Any king in David's line belonged to a kingdom through which God would accomplish His purposes in the world. But what was only partially true of any ruler in David's line would find its ultimate fulfilment in the One who embodied the ultimate authority of the kingdom.

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Psalm 110:1

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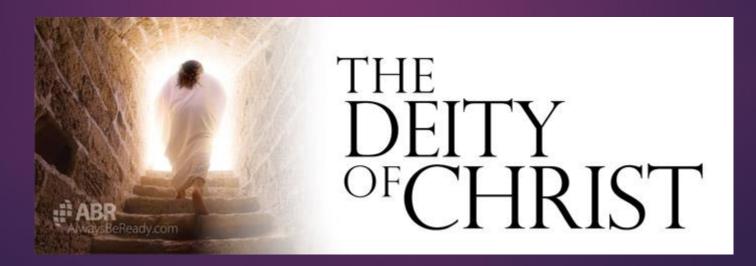


Of old you (Lord) laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 26 They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, 27but you are the same, and your years have no end.

-Context: A psalm of affliction where the Psalmist laments of his own brief lifespan in comparison to the eternal nature of God. In the Psalm, this passage clearly refers to God and in Hebrews is applied to the Son.



"Of the Son, <u>He (God) says</u>, "Your throne O <u>God</u>" and "you, <u>Lord</u>". The author of Hebrews is clearly saying that God the Father calls the Son "God" and "Lord". Very key passage to go to when discussing the deity of Christ.



Hebrews 1:5-14 Jesus: Better than the Angels

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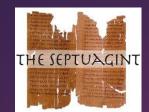
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<u>Septuagint</u>

An Egyptian king, Ptolemy Philadelphus (reigned from 285-246 BCE), commissioned a translation of the Hebrew Bible for his library in Alexandria. Seventy-two translators from Jerusalem were subsequently sent to the Island of Pharos to translate the Torah into Greek.

The term Septuagint, meaning "seventy," actually refers to the seventy-two translators—six from each tribe of Israel—involved in translating the Pentateuch from Hebrew to Greek in the third-century BCE (seventy-two is rounded down to seventy, hence the Roman numeral LXX). The rest of the Hebrew Bible was translated from Hebrew to Greek by various hands over the next century or so.



<u>Septuagínt</u>

One of the most important areas of study relating to the Septuagint is the use of the OT in the NT. The reason for this is that most of the direct citations of the OT in the NT match the Septuagint, not the Hebrew Bible (or Masoretic Text [MT]). There are approximately 300 OT passages that are directly quoted or strongly alluded to in the NT.

In most of these cases, the NT writers did not cite the OT text word-for-word but paraphrased the OT texts using Jewish exegetical techniques. However, in cases where the OT is cited word-for-word, the NT writers quote the Septuagint over the MT approximately 75 percent of the time (according to some scholars, that percentage climbs to over 90 percent, depending on how one defines "citation").

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"The LORD says to my Lord:

Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies your footstool."

-Context: Psalm of David referring to the king's enthronement and victory. Throughout the New Testament, it was understood to be a Messianic psalm. Jesus challenged the Pharisees in their understanding of this. "And as Jesus taught in the temple, He said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶ David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared,
"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.""
³⁷ David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?" (Mark 12:35-37)

"Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62 And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man <u>seated at</u> <u>the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.</u>" (Mark 14:62) until I put your enemies under your feet.""

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Angels are called to stand in the presence of God and are sent out by Him to minister. They are <u>servants of God</u>, with much of their calling being to minister to those who are heirs to salvation. The author has confirmed the Son's superiority over angels and His authority as the Son of God. Therefore, "As God had no greater messenger than His Son, He had no further message beyond the gospel." (Bruce)





Hebrews 2:1-4: The First Warning

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. 2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.



Angels as intermediaries in the giving of the law is not recorded in the Old Testament but is spoken of as common knowledge in the New Testament:

"Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was <u>put in place</u> <u>through angels</u> by an intermediary." (Gal. 3:19)

"you who received the law as <u>delivered by angels</u> and did not keep it."(Acts 7:53)

Hebrews 2:1-4: The First Warning

<u>Word on Warnings:</u> Warnings are designed to cause discomfort, fear, and make you evaluate where you stand. They are precisely that-Warnings! Don't make the mistake of quickly dismissing them or trying to explain them with "more comfortable" passages! Yes, we have to take the whole council of God but that means taking the whole council of God, including the warnings for what they are! The point here is that if these readers yield to the temptation to abandon their profession of faith, their plight is hopeless.



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"What is man, that you are mindful of him,

or the son of man, that you care for him?

7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned him with glory and honor,

8 putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. 9 But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <u>Hebrews 2:5-9: Jesus Made Lower than Angels</u> For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. 6 It has been testified somewhere,

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- 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- 6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

-Context: Psalmist is contemplating creation and the dominion given to man over creation. However, the author of Hebrews applies it not to the first Adam but to Christ, the Last Adam and ruler of the world to come. Jesus Himself said He was the "Son of Man".

What Adam (and all humanity failed to do because of the fall) Jesus as the true representative of humanity fulfills. It is in Him the dominion that was destined for man is realized. Yet to be the true representative, He must share in the <u>human condition</u> in all aspects including suffering and death in order to make a way of salvation and (we will see later) serve as high priest.

HUMAN CONDITION

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13 And again,

"I will put my trust in Him."

And again,

"Behold, I and the children God has given me."



I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

-Context: A lament by the psalmist and a clear Messianic psalm that Jesus quotes at His crucifixion ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?")



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Isaíah 8:17

Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. 17 I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in Him.

-Context: Isaiah's words of judgment are not being heeded so he seals them up and gives them to his disciples so that when they come true, it will be seen that he had spoken the true word of God. As Isaiah was rejected and hoped in God so the Son of God committed Himself to the Father.



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Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

-Context: Isaiah's own sons bore witness to his trust in God by their names (Remnant will return and Hasten booty, speed spoil) Just as Isaiah had sons as witnesses to his trust in God, so Jesus has the children God has given Him who bear witness to Him.



<u>Hebrews 2:10-18: Jesus our Brother and High Priest</u> 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Fear of death led to lifelong slavery. But now the meaning of death has changed starting with His death which sets us free. And our own death, when it comes, can no longer be used by the enemy as a means of fear. Christ Himself walked the path of death to blaze the trail of salvation and forge the pathway to the <u>presence of God</u>.



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<u>Hebrews 2:10-18: Jesus our Brother and High Priest</u> -His main service as high priest was to make propitiation (appeasement of the

wrath of God) for our sins.

-He too faced the temptation to resist suffering and death however He was <u>victorious</u>. So when His people are tempted to turn and give up their profession, it would be a source of hope to them that He is able to relate to and help them in their temptation.



<u>Summary</u>

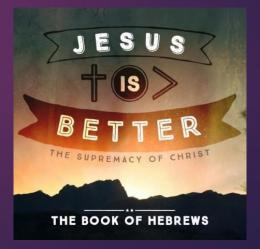
God has spoken in various ways but in these last days, God has spoken to us by His Son and His Word is the final word. The Son is the agent in creation and ultimately in salvation of man. He is greater than the angels and just as there was punishment for disregarding the law brought by angels, how much greater punishment will there be for those who ignore the message brought by the Son? Jesus as the Son has dominion over all, yet Scripture teaches us that God originally gave man dominion over His creation. So the Son of God took on the nature of the Son of Man in order to win back this dominion for us. He conquered the devil who had taken that dominion and rescued those in bondage by defeating death through His death. Because He is Man, He can serve as high priest on our behalf, atoning for our sins. Because He knows our temptations, He can give help in time of need.



Jesus is "better than" angels Jesus has inherited a "better name"

"Let us ":

Pay close attention to what we have heard so that we don't drift away from it





1. Why is it significant that God's final Word is spoken in His Son?

2. Why does the author spend so much time showing that Jesus is superior to the angels?

3. What does it mean for us that Jesus became man? What does His humanity secure for us?

4. Hebrews can be called "The book of assurance". What did we learn tonight that assures us of this great salvation?

5. What else stands out to you?

Next Women's Study: Sunday, November 18!