

Today, we will dive into Hebrews chapters 1 and 2. We will be using the outline from the first week's handout as our guide through the text. What we discover is that the author covers a lot of ground with a minimum of words! As we discussed in the first class, the author knows his Bible inside and out. These first two chapters show his ability to handle the teachings of the Old Testament to apply them to Christ and make his point that Christ is superior to every former revelation given through the prophets.

- I. *Christ superior to the prophets: his absolute uniqueness as Divine Son, Incarnate Redeemer, and Exalted Lord (1:1–3).*
 - a. *God Spoke: to our ancestors. By the prophets.*
 - b. *God has spoken: By His Son.*
 - c. *9 things to note about the Son: He is unique!*
 - i. Heir of all things
 - ii. Creator of the world.
 - iii. The “radiance” of God’s glory.”
 - iv. The “exact imprint” of God’s nature.
 - v. Upholds the Universe by the word of His power.
 - vi. Makes purification for sins.
 - vii. Seated on the throne of Heaven next to the Father
 - viii. Superior to angels.
 - ix. Inherits a name more excellent than any angel.

- II. *Christ superior to the angels (1:4–2:18)*
 - a. Proved from the Old Testament: 1:4–13.
 - b. Author quotes from the following to show the superiority of God’s Son over the angels:

Psalm 2:7

Psalm 89:26-27 (also 2 Samuel 7:14)

Psalm 97:7

Psalm 104:4

Psalm 45:6-7

Psalm 102:25-27 (Echoes Isaiah 51:6)

Psalm 110:1

Psalm 103:20ff.

- c. First warning: the peril of neglecting such a great salvation: 2:1–4.
- d. Christ the true Man exalted above the angels: 2:5–9.
 - i. The Son of Man given dominion and exalted. Quotes from Psalm 8:4-6
 - ii. The Son, Jesus, is glorified because He tastes death for everyone.
- e. The purpose and consequence of the Incarnation: 2:10–18.
 - i. The Son made perfect through suffering.
 - ii. Those He died for become His brothers (and sisters.) Quoting Psalm 22:22
 - iii. Quotes Psalm 18:2, Isaiah 8:17, Isaiah 12:2 to show the Son's trust in the Father.
 - iv. Quotes Isaiah 8:18 to show fulfillment of Scripture.
 - 1. Christians are now the children of God Almighty by virtue of Christ's incarnation and death for sins.
 - v. V. 14: Why Jesus was incarnate as a fully human man:
 - 1. To partake of everything we experience in this life
 - 2. To experience death.
 - 3. To defeat and destroy the devil and remove from him the power and fear of death as a weapon.
 - 4. To deliver people and set them free.
 - vi. V. 17: Made like us in every respect.
 - 1. Offers up the sacrifice that propitiates our sins.
 - 2. Now able to help us in our struggles.