

Epistle to the Hebrews

Lesson 1. 1:1–2:4

I. Consider Jesus as the apostle of our confession (1:1–4:16)

A. Let us hold on to the message that our apostle gave us (1:1–3:1)

1. Let us pay attention to the message of God's ultimate messenger (1:1–2:4)

a. God has spoken through his son (1:1–4)

1:1

'Long ago' = 'formerly', before Jesus came into the world.

'In' (ἐν *en*) the Hebrew prophets, God gave us his written Word, before his living Word came.

1:2

'these last days' = ever since Jesus came.

'in a son' (Greek: ἐν υἱῷ *en huiōi*). 'In son' = bad English.

In the Hebrew Bible, there are many 'sons':

- God called some angels 'sons of the Most High' Psalm 82:6
- God called the nation of Israel 'my son'. Hosea 11:1
- God called King David and his descendants God's 'sons'.
- God called a future worldwide king 'my son'. Psalm 1:7

What is unique and different about this particular son?

1:2-3

In these two verses, find seven amazing facts about this 'Son':

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

1:4

'far better' or 'superior'. A recurring theme in Hebrews.

'angels' The Hebrew Bible employs 20 different terms for 'angel'. View <https://youtu.be/HxulqxCZuQ>

'has inherited' perfect tense verb = it happened and it remains in effect.

'name' in ancient times could mean rank, reputation or title, besides a spoken word.

Find the Son's name or names in the following ten verses.

b. The son is greater than God's previous messengers (1:5–14)

1:5-13

In what ways is this 'Son' similar to angels, yet different from angels?

1. **5a** Psalm 2:7
2. **5b** 2 Sam 7:14
3. **6** Deut. 32:43 (in Dead Sea Scroll Q4Deut^a) View <https://youtu.be/qksGIUsLj4>
4. **7** Psalm 104:4
5. **8-9** Psalm 45:6-7
6. **10-12** Psalm 102:25-27
7. **13** Psalm 102:25-27

c. Let us hold on to the things we have heard from the son (2:1–4)

2:1-3

Warning #1 of 5 in Hebrews.

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'drift away' See 'anchor' Hebrews 6:19. 'Neglect' 2:3

2 'through angels' According to Jewish tradition, the Law was mediated to Moses through angels. As Yahweh came physically to humans as the Angel of the LORD, so Yahweh has come physically as the incarnate Son.

3 'escape' As you study Hebrews, find what is the one failure that could cost someone their eternal salvation. (*Hint:* It is not moral failure.)

2-4 Trace three lines of evidence for our faith:

2:2 (Yahweh) → Angels → (Moses) → message

2:3 Lord → _____ → _____ → witness

2:4 God → _____ → _____ → confirmed

Assignment

1. View a 'Brief introduction to the Epistle to the Hebrews' <https://youtu.be/3fh0i0Wu2A4> if you have not done so.
2. View Read Hebrews 1:1–2:4 each day in different translations.
3. See the notes at NETBIBLE.org if you have a computer.
4. Reply to the queries in this Introduction, and share them in our discussion forum.
5. View YouTube.com 'Powellhurst Men Live Stream', this Thursday from 07:30 Pacific Summer Time, if you cannot join with us in person. Log in to YT so you can send comments and queries via Chat.

Coming

2. Jesus is a merciful and faithful high priest (2:5–18)
3. Partners in a heavenly calling; think of Jesus as an apostle and high priest (3:1–2)

B. Let us respond to Jesus' voice today and enter the rest (3:1–4:13)

II. [Consider Jesus as the High Priest of our Confession](#) (4:11–10:25)

III. [We are partners in Jesus' heavenly calling](#) (10:19–13:16)

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