

Hebrews Lesson 5

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Vs 3 “...and upholding all things by the word of his power.”

- Jesus Christ created everything by His word and He is the One who holds it all together. He could speak a word and all would cease.

“...when he had by himself purged our sins...”

- Jesus (God) alone purged our sins because no sinner could do it.
- Since God paid for our sins on the cross, we can't point a finger of blame toward Him.
 - Whatever you want to complain about or blame God for, He paid for it (though it isn't His fault).
 - No one in hell will be able to blame God for their being there. He made it possible for everybody to trust His payment and avoid hell.
- Every world religion denies this bible truth. They add something to faith (baptism, good works, church membership, etc.).
 - **God (vs 1) by His Son (vs 2) “by Himself purged our sins.” (vs 3), and**

“...sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (vs 3).

- The book of Hebrews moves forward from salvation and emphasizes Jesus Christ on His throne in heaven helping believers on to perfection.
 - Hebrews uses the history of the nation of Israel to illustrate our relationship with God today. It begins, not with their deliverance (Exod 12), but with the tabernacle (Exod 24), where God meets and fellowships with man and guides him through the wilderness into the Promised Land.
 - Churches who avoid the book of Hebrews never move on to perfection.
- “**Majesty**” denotes greatness. The word is also found in Hebrews 8:1 and Jude, verse 25.
- “**Sat down...**” Jesus, our High Priest, was able to sit down because no more sacrifices needed to be offered. **Hebrews 10:11-12** clearly states this. Jesus paid it all.
 - From His throne Jesus intercedes for us, blesses us and is our advocate.
 - The only time an Old Testament priest sat down, it ended badly (1 Sam 4:13-18).

Vs 4 “Being made so much better than the angels...”

- “**God, who at sundry times**” (vs 1) spoke to His prophets by angels. This was one of His “**divers manners**” of speaking to men. But now He speaks by His Son (vs 2).
- **Acts 7:51-53**, the Jews placed a greater emphasis on the angel's part in the receiving of God's Law than they did on the God who gave the Law.
 - If Jesus is “**much better than the angels,**” He's the one you should listen to.
- **Galatians 3:18-19**, the law “**was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.**” Angels played an important role in the Jew's religion. Telling them that Jesus Christ is better will certainly get their attention.
 - Note that angels are not mentioned in the Exodus account of the giving of the Law. They are mentioned in Psalm 68:11, and in the New Testament.

“...as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”

- His name shall be called Wonderful, counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6).
- At the name of Jesus every knee should bow (Php 2:10).

Vs 5 “⁵ For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son...”

VERSES 5-14 CONTAIN SEVEN QUOTATIONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT:

- Psalm 2:7, Hebrews says Jesus is the Son of God mentioned here
- 2 Samuel 7:14, Jesus is the Son of God mentioned here
- Psalm 97:7 with Deuteronomy 32:43, the coming of the Son of God
- Psalm 104:4, the exaltation and rule of the Son of God
- Psalm 45:6-7, the exaltation and rule of the Son of God
- Psalm 102:25-27, the millennial reign of the Son of God
- Psalm 110:1, the end of all things
 - The Holy Spirit is writing to Hebrews and showing them from their Old Testament scriptures that Jesus Christ is the Son of God whom they should trust above angels.

[Read verses 5-14] Who is better?

ANGELS

Worship God (vs 6)

Minister to God and for God (vs 7)

Minister to men (vs 14)

THE SON OF GOD

He's God sitting on a throne (vs 8)

He's superior to all (vs 9)

He's the Creator (vs 10)

He's eternal (vs 11)

He's unchanging (vs 12)