

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

Hebrews - Lesson 1

Prayerfully read through Hebrews chapter one.

The writer of Hebrews begins his letter with a declaration that God, at many different times, in many various ways, (each revealing a different part, or “portion” of the truth), has spoken to us through the prophets in times past. But now, the author declares, in these last times God has spoken to us in the person of His Son.

- 1) Look up the following Scriptures and record some of the ways God spoke to the nation of Israel in the Old Testament.

Genesis 15:1 –

Genesis 16:11 –

Genesis 18:1-3 –

Exodus 33:7-11 –

Isaiah 6:1-8 –

Jeremiah 1:4-16 –

- 2) Look ahead at Hebrews 2:3-4 and record how God has spoken to us through His Son. By what means does it say that He confirmed His words to us? (Hebrews 2:4)

3) We read of such awesome revelations God has shown to many of His prophets in the Old Testament and of the mighty miracles, signs and wonders God did through them. What makes the revelation He has spoken to us through the Son so much “**better**”? (See Hebrews 1:2-3 for insight and share your thoughts)

4) Make a list all of the aspects of Christ that the writer reveals to us in **Hebrews 1:2-3** and record your findings below.

5) Is there an aspect here that is a new (or renewed) revelation to your heart? Which aspect of Christ touches your heart most personally today?

6) Reread **Hebrews 1:4-14**. The writer here gives strong affirmation that Christ is **superior** to angels. Looking at each verse list the reasons the writer gives.

a) **Vs. 4:** What “more excellent” thing does this verse say Christ has received?

b) **Vs. 5:** What is the more excellent name He has been given?

c) **Vs. 6:** It is important for us to know that the term “first begotten” or “firstborn” does not always mean “born first”. It is often, as here, used as a title of **rank** and **honor**. Christ is **first and foremost, above all** and **superior to all** who were ever born. Because of this, what does God command us, as well as the angels to give to Him?

7. Look up the following verses and jot down the **reasons** for the command in verse 6.

Psalm 95:6-7 -

Psalm 99:5 -

Revelation 4:10-11 -

8. Look up **Matthew 15:8-9**. What warning does Christ give us concerning the kind of worship God **does not** honor?

a. How does this warning speak to your heart? How does it affect you in your daily living?

9. What does **Hebrews 1:7** reveal to us about angels and what their ministry is?

- 10.** Looking at **verses 8 & 9**, what do these verses reveal to us about Christ and His ministry?
- 11.** Read through **Hebrews 1:10-12**. Record all that this passage discloses to us about Who Christ is.
- 12.** In summary, from these last two verses in **Hebrews 1:13-14**, share what the difference is between the angel's relationship to the Father and Jesus' relationship with the Father.
- 13)** As **verse 14** tells us, the angels are not only **God's ministers**, but have also been sent by God to be **ministers to the "heirs of salvation"**. Stop and think for a minute about this truth. What thoughts does this verse stir in your heart and mind concerning God's love and care for you?

14) As awesome as it is to think of the angels standing guard over and ministering to us, be it in bodily protection, spiritual warfare, or inner strength and encouragement, we have an even **“better”** advocate in **Jesus Himself**. Read **Hebrews 7:25** and explain in your own words why His ministry to us is far superior to the ministry of angels.

15) What stood out to you most in this first lesson in Hebrews?