

Hebrews (January 17, 2021)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:1-4

1. The authorship of Hebrews is unknown. "Earliest suggestions include such noteworthy people as Paul, Luke, Clement of Rome, and Barnabas. More recent proposals set forth Priscilla, Jude, Apollos, Philip, and Silvanus. As with matters of background we are almost entirely dependent on evidence internal to the book. So, what does the work reveal of its maker? The author of Hebrews was a dynamic preacher...was knowledgeable of the Old Testament and its interpretation...was highly educated...was a committed minister of Jesus Christ and deeply concerned about the spiritual state of the group of believers he addressed." (NIV Life Application Commentary-Hebrews by George H. Guthrie)

What additional things might you find about the author of Hebrews from the following verses?
Hebrews 2:3

Hebrews 13:19

Hebrews 13:23

2. How does Hebrews 1:1-2 reveal the progression of God's revelation regarding:

Time of revelation

Agent of revelation

Recipients of revelation

3. List affirmations concerning the Son evident in Hebrews 1:2; Psalm 2:7-8; John 1:1-3,10; Colossians 1:16).

4. What further declarations concerning the Son are evident in Hebrews 1:3-4; Mark 14:62; John 1:14,14:9; Romans 8:34; Col. 1:15-20; 1 Peter 3:22?

5. In what ways does Hebrews 1:1-4 illustrate the Son as Prophet, Priest and King?

6. **NOTE:** “Jesus is superior to angels. Angels were objects of much speculation in first-century Judaism. Certainly they were known to appear in human form, to minister before the very throne of God, to guide and protect humans, and to have revealed the Mosaic Law.”

(ESV Crossway Study Bible regarding Hebrews 1:4)

From Hebrews 1:1-2:4, what is the rationale used for Christ being superior to angels?

7. Discuss the definition of “drift away”. According to Hebrews 2:1 how might drifting away be avoided? Share ways you have found helpful to be more “attentive to what you have heard”.

8. What was the message declared by the angels (Deuteronomy 33:1-4; Galatians 3:19)? What were the consequences of not heeding the message according to Hebrews 2:2? How did their message prove to be reliable?

9. What was the message declared by the Lord (Hebrews 2:3; John 3:16)? How did God validate this message? What are the consequences of not heeding the message?