The Majesty on High

Hebrews 1:1-4

The original readers of the Hebrew letter were being persecuted for following Christ. Their Jewish friends and family didn't like it because they left their old religion. And the Romans didn't like Christians because they worshipped only one God. So the Jewish Christians were criticized, ostracized, and terrorized by Jews and Gentiles alike. They lived a hard life so they were tempted to turn back. They had been entertaining thoughts of giving up on their Christian faith.

The letter of Hebrews was written to encourage them and us to keep following Christ. But how do I find the grace, the understanding and the courage to go forward even when I feel like turning back? What message would discouraged people need to hear?

1. God wants to speak to you in person.

God is a speaking God. He's a communicative God. He isn't reserved, aloof, distant, cold, secretive, impersonal and standoffish. God is not just a God who communicates through His messengers like the prophets and the angels. He is a God who came Himself – IN PERSON - to talk to us!

2. God's message will endure forever and will never change.

Hebrews 1:8, "But to the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever." Jesus is always going to be King! The story is not about the angels! It's about the King! Angels are messengers. Preachers and prophets are messengers. Jesus is the message!

3. God is on a seeking mission.

God has been the One initiating contact with man. No wonder the Bible says in 1 John 4:19 "We love because He first loved us." God is not a passive God, resting on His throne. He is an ACTIVE God, seeking and speaking to us today. Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

God and His message will never change. He is still speaking and still seeking.