

life group study guide

Hebrews

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Hebrews 1:1-2:4, 3:1-4

Introduction

Son, in 35 years of religious study, I have only come up with two hard incontrovertible facts: there is a God, and I'm not Him. (Father Cavanaugh to "Rudy" Rudiger in the movie, Rudy)

Who do people say that the Son of Man is? (Matt 16:13)

But who do you say that I am? (Matt 16:15)

If you had to describe Jesus with just one word—other than "God"—what would it be?

Why did you pick that word?

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Hebrews 1:1-2

In these two verses, we are told of God's speaking to man through the prophets, and Jesus' role in creation.

- What are the "many portions and many ways" in which God speaks to us?
- Do we often miss God's communication with us? Why is that? (See Job 9:10-11, Matt 11:20-24, Matt 13:14-15)
- How do you best determine God's will for you?
- How can we improve our listening skills with respect to God?
- What is Jesus' role in creation? (Col 1:15-17)
- Why is the belief in creation controversial in our society?
- What are the implications for man if God did not create the world?

Heb 1:3-5

- How do these two verses describe Jesus?
- How do these verses compare Jesus to the prophets who came before Him?
- How do these verses compare Jesus to the angels?
- What are angels, and what is their role? (Heb 1:14)

List all of the attributes, names, and descriptions of Jesus in Hebrews 1:1-13.

With this description of the characteristics and works of Jesus as a foundation, Hebrews 2 begins with "For this reason we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." (NASB)

- What distractions in your life cause you to not "pay closer attention"?
- How can you combat these distractions?

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- I've heard it said, "A dead fish can float with the current, but it takes a strong one to swim against it." What can we do to proactively fight against drifting with our culture?

Heb 2:2-4 These verses speak to us about salvation

- What is it that we need to be saved from?
- How was this message spread by the apostles and early disciples?

Heb 3:1

Hebrews points us again and again to Jesus (vs 1) and calls Him a high priest.

- The high priest served as a mediator between Israel and God. In what ways is Jesus our high priest?
- Why is He called the "High Priest of our confession"?

Heb 3:2-4 Jesus and Moses

Moses was present at the transfiguration, and mentioned over 800 times in the Bible (according to a quick online Bible search).

- Why do you think Moses is mentioned here in a letter to Jewish believers?
- How does the writer of Hebrews compare Jesus and Moses?
 - How does he indicate they are similar?
 - How does he explain the differences?

Conclusion

Most religions **contain** truth, but Jesus came **as** the Truth. Hebrews points to Jesus as above all things and everyone.

- Have you answered the question Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?"
- How would you answer someone who asks "Who is Jesus?"
 - How can we know we are answering the question in a relevant way to those who ask? (Similar to the cultural and religious references used by the writer of Hebrews to his audience.)
- When was the last time you had a conversation with someone about Jesus who did not believe in Him as Lord and Savior?
 - How should you prepare for such encounters?
 - Do you believe that preparation will make you more aware of these opportunities?
 - Pray for guidance in preparation and awareness of Divine opportunities.