

Hebrews: The Crossing Point is a six part Adult Bible Study suitable for Small Groups or Private Study; Especially helpful to new believers in understanding God's overall plan for redemption through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews: I call it the "BETTER BOOK" because Jesus is better than....



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Hebrews Chapters 1 and 2

Do we literally believe the Old and New Testament?

Do we try to reason or explain away the miracles? Do we expect miracles in our lives?

Jesus is who He claims to be or He is a fraud. [Chapter 1: 1-2]

Other religions say that He is not the Messiah but rather a good prophet. He is one or the other, not both.

Jesus' message is a continuation of what God communicated in the Old Testament. [John 1:1-14](#)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Trail Note:

Jesus made the worlds. Jesus is the Heir.

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Jesus is the “focal point” or central figure foreshadowed in the Old Testament as the coming Messiah.

Can you think of places in the Old Testament where a prophecy is pointing to Jesus? He was the “Word” that was made flesh.

In Genesis, God shed the blood of an animal to provide a covering for Adam and Eve’s nakedness. Then later in Genesis, Abraham takes Isaac up to the mountain for a sacrifice. Isaac questions his father about the lamb needed and Abraham replies “*God will provide himself a sacrifice.*”

Jesus seated on the Right Hand of God Interceding [Chapter 1:3]

Jesus is just as much God as God the Father is God.

Trail Note:
Jesus is seated on the right hand of God.

Hebrews 1:3 and *Hebrews 10:12* both declare His Deity status. (Bad grammar but an important truth) “...sat **Himself** down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;” (I added the word **Himself** because His fulfillment of the sacrificial lamb to pay for all sin earned Him the right to be the “right hand God-man”).

Jesus sits on the right hand of God to intercede for us to the Father. Simply put, when I sin as a born-again Christian, Jesus tells God that He has it covered [because of His shed Blood].

Skipping ahead a little in Hebrews to: *Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

Jesus: By inheritance the Son; Better than the angels [Chapter 1:4-5]

Hebrews 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

As a part of the triune Godhead, He is co-creator of all of the angels. Because Jesus created angels, this statement should seem obvious: However, we generally only understand the clear record of Him in his “Lamb” form, not his “King of Kings and Lord of Lord” form.

Our picture of Jesus is formed by His carnal appearance; and His actions on earth. Revelation only gives a glimpse of who He really is! The angels rejoiced in Heaven at His birth on earth: most of mankind curses His name or ignores Jesus. What a contrast!

If all mankind could actually see our Lord as He currently is in Heaven, it would totally change who we are. But His glory is so great that one glimpse would be too much for us.

What about the angels? [Chapter 1: 6-7]

The question in Hebrews 1:7 is “*Who created the multitude of angels and who gave them the incredible power that they have?*” This question is rhetorical. The answer should be obvious, but it was not to the Hebrew religious scholars.

Trail Note:
Angels minister to “heirs of salvation.”

Skipping over to [Hebrews 1:13-14](#) *“But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”*

The angels were created to help and protect us. There is nothing in the Bible to support the common cultural idea that the Christian becomes an angel at death. Indeed, verse 14 tells us instead that they are to minister to the born-again.

Why then would anyone want to become an angel and step out of the position God has given us to become the sons of God/ joint heirs with Christ?

The Enduring Monarchy [Chapter 1: 8-12]

His crest or “Coat of Arms” is integrity, honesty, and justice.

Verses 8 and 9 are a quote from [Psalm 45:6-7](#) *Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

Lawlessness is hated by Jesus but He has always been the first to forgive because He was the *“Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”*. [Rev. 13: 8](#)

Jesus created everything and then turned around and paid the price of the lawlessness of HIS creation. This is a very hard thought to get our minds around!!!

The theme of verses 10-12 is that this earth and the universe will get old and Jesus will fold it up, but He will never change.

If we meditate on that thought long enough to truly understand it then it will totally change the way we live our lives. The Creator wants us as “born-again believers” to live on with Him long after His creation perishes.

Get Serious about Who Jesus is. [Chapter 2: 1-5]

Hebrews declares strongly *“...give the more earnest heed”* about our salvation and about how we should live our Christian life. Because, Hebrews says, if you are not serious about this new life, you will gradually become complacent and soon you won't even think about it. **God is telling us to get really serious about who Jesus really is.**

Is He a “Do-gooder” that offers us a free pass to Heaven?

Is He the all powerful God of the universe? He says in [Romans 12:1](#) *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”*

Read [Romans 2: 2-11](#) and understand what God is talking about when He says *“there is no respect of persons”*.

Continue to read other verses like [1 Thes. 2:12](#), [4: 4-12](#), [Gal. 5:16-26](#) to encourage your daily walk. Daily think about what Jesus did for you and what awaits anyone that is not saved. [Rev. 20: 11-15](#)

- You have heard the gospel, but do you seek out scripture for a life that glorifies God?
- The fallen angels serve as a reminder that God is serious about repentance.
- The words from Jesus' mouth including the witnesses are always just a Bible away.
- Signs, wonders, miracles, and the Holy Spirit are evidence from God.

Jesus, Captain of Salvation [Chapter 2: 6-10]

Jesus, God the Son, created the angels giving them their power; they are messengers and ministering spirits.

He then made Himself weaker than the angels, taking on mortality in order to be identified with our weakness, our temptations and our sufferings.

Verses 6 through 8 are a quote from *Psalm 8:4-6*:

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet...

Trail Note:

Jesus took on mortality, became our High Priest, & reconciled our sins before God.

Jesus calls the saved, Brethren [Chapter 2: 11-13]

The One who sanctified and made us Holy is proud to call **US**, the once un-holy, **Brethren!**

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Jesus will rejoice and sing about His Church (all the saved people). These first 12 verses in chapter 2 should make us, His redeemed, extremely proud to be one of His, but if you are having problems with your spiritual motivator, read verse 13!!!

This is an assurance verse. *Hebrews 2:13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.*

This verse, like *John 10:28 & 29* tells us that God is doing the KEEPING! God puts in us His Holy Spirit and He will direct us if we allow (*II Cor. 5: 17.*)

Jesus took on the Seed of Abraham, mortality, to destroy Death [Chapter 2: 14-18]

As we, through sin, became mortal; Jesus took on Himself mortality so that He could destroy the power that the Devil had over us: The power of death.

God said in the Garden that "if you eat of this particular fruit you will surely die". Since that time we have had the curse of death. *Romans 5: 12-21*

Jesus now offers the gift of eternal life through His blood, His death, & His resurrection from the grave.