

Sunday May 8th 2011
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Two
Study Questions

1). Heb 1:1 ¶ *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;*

- a). What information is given to us about God's Son in the second half of v2?
- b). What corroborating scripture do we have for this?
- c). What does this verse tell us about the ages?
- d). What specifically do we know about Christ's inheritance?
- e). What scripture do we have that corroborates this?
- f). Relate all this information to v1 and the first half of v2.

2). What name has Christ been given that is more excellent than the angels?

- a). Where do we find the scripture for this and what does the name make certain?

3). Heb 1:8 *But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. 9 You have loved*

*righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."*

- a). What statement is made concerning the Son in v8?
- b). Read the first 9 verses of Psalm 45 – What is the context for our quotation in this Psalm and what do we learn from these first 9 verses?
- c). Who are the ‘companions’ of Hebrews 1:9?
- d). What is significant about the mention of companions?
- e). What does Hebrews 1:8 tell us about Christ’s throne and how should we understand this?

4). Heb 1:10 *And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain;
And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up,
And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."*

- a). What does the 6th quotation bring into view for us?
- b). Where is the quotation taken from and what is the context in which we find it?
- c). What two aspects of Christ do we see in this quotation?
- d). Where else would we go in scripture to see these two aspects?
- e). What does our quotation tell us about the nature and character of Christ?

5). Heb 1:13 *But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?*

- a). How is the 7th quotation similar to the 1st?
- b). Where is our quotation taken from and what is the context for it?
- c). According to our quotation where is Christ now and what is He doing?
- d). How is the situation described in 7th quotation similar to that which we find in the 7th overcomers' promise in Revelation 3:21?
- e). What else is waiting at this time and what is it waiting for?

6). Heb 1:14 *Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

- a). What is taught here about angelic ministry in the present?
- b). Who would these ministering angels be and how would we know?
- c). Why are angels so prominent within the context of Hebrews Chapter 1?
- d). In what two ways was Man's fall different to Satan's fall?
- e). What did God's immediate redemptive act in the Garden not do?
- f). How does this relate to us even now?
- g). In order for Man to assume the position for which he was created what must he wait for?
- h). What scripture do we have to corroborate this?

i). So what is taking place during the period of time between Christ's redemptive work on the cross and His appearance apart from sin for salvation?

j). What is the outworking of this process making known to the fallen angels and where in scripture do we see this?

k). Can we see any connection between this and the first one and a half verses of Hebrews Chapter 1?

l). Why has the writer of Hebrews been at such pains to lay this foundation before continuing with the rest of the Book?

m). What immediately follows on from the conclusion of Chapter 1?

n). So why is the foundation important in respect of this?

o). Do you have any final thoughts, comments, questions about Hebrews Chapter 1?