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Jesus preaching the "Sermon On The Mount"

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A STUDY IN PRACTICAL CHRISTOLOGY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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Text of Hebrews 1 and Its General Old Testament Heritage In The Modern Church

Assignment: Bring a list of things that you see the book of Hebrews teaching us that is practical and useful today?

1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days **has spoken to us in His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And **That Son** is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

1. **Problem:** I wonder sometimes, *“Didn’t those first century Christians know that Jesus was superior to the angels?”*
2. **Why did the author of Hebrews begin his letter in this fashion?** Why would he refer to the Son in this way, using these particular Old Testament quotes?
3. **What does this actually “teach” us today?** Is it even still a relevant chapter, or is it just knowledge?
4. Is it just an introduction to the letter? **What do we do with all of the quotes from the Old Testament that the writers uses in the second half of this chapter?**
5. **What does Hebrews 2:1 want us to hold on to: simple doctrine, or to the superiority of Jesus?** Why? How are we better Christians by revisiting Jesus all so often?
6. **Just how significant is the very frequent / constant remembering of our history and our relationship to Christ?** How does one build a mindset?
7. What does this chapter tell us about what the current role of Jesus should be in today’s Christian church? Why?
8. Is this chapter any practical help in the building of your personal Christian life today? How so, specifically?

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The Hebrews Legacy

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"Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee"?

And again,

"I will be a Father to Him and He shall be a Son to Me"?

6 And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says,

"And let all the angels of God worship Him."

7 And of the angels He says,

"Who makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire."

8 But of the Son He says,

"Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of His kingdom. 9

"Thou hast loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy companions."

10 And, "Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands; 11 They will perish, but Thou remain; and they all will become old as a garment, 12 And as a mantle Thou wilt roll them up; as a garment they will also be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will not come to an end. "

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said,

"Sit at My right hand, Until I make Thine enemies A footstool for Thy feet "?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Psalm 2:7

II Sam. 7:14

Psalm 97:7

Psalm 104:4

Psalm 45:6-7

Psalm 102:25-27

Psalm 110:1

Review

1. What do you think God was concerned about when He inspired Hebrews 1? Who was He talking to? Why was He saying these particular words?
2. What was the 'premise' of last week's sermon? What perception do we need to carry around with us each day? Why do we need to do this and to what extent?
3. We are asked to "hold on, least we drift away" In Hebrews 2:1. Please name five different, modern, situations where this could be of significance today?
4. To what extent should we take these words as the members of the church today? What is the 'legacy' of these words today, for me, personally? Why?

Discussion

5. Are angels to be worshipped? What do we know about our worship from Hebrews 1?
6. How should the church today look at the idea of angels? Do they still have a role in the daily work of the church?
7. What is the role of the angels as to the Christ today? Do we know any real particulars or do we work from assumptions primarily when we look at angels?
8. How can a study of angels be practical today? What does it tell us about God? About God's love for us? About God's knowledge of what is going on in the world?
9. What should be the primary reason that we come together on Sunday morning? Veneration or Education?
10. Can these two ideas, 'veneration' and 'education' exist at the same time.

Practical points found in homework assignment.
