THE BOOK OF HEBREWS - CHAPTER 1 -

JESUS IS BETTER!

INTRODUCTION - REVIEW

- Class Material is an aide to your preparation
- Read Hebrews often (takes about 30 min)
- Work on your memory work! (Back of class schedule)
- Be prepared to contribute
- Keep up your "Jesus is Better" log

INTRODUCTION - CLASS EXERCISE

What draws us away from full commitment to Christ

- Religious error
- Lifestyles and addictions
- Failure to grow/mature
- Worldly philosophies
- Peer or family pressure/persecution
- Failure/refusal to receive encouragement from brethren
- Failure to recognize <u>Jesus is better</u> than any alternative

WHY IS JESUS SO SPECIAL?

Descriptive Statement in Hebrews 1:2-3	More Information
God appointed him heir of all things	Rom 8:17; John 3:35
God made the worlds through him	John 1:3; 1 Cor 8:6; Col 1:16
He is the brightness of God's glory	John 1:14; 2 Cor 4:6
He is the express image of God's nature	John 14:9; Col 1:15
He upholds all things by the word of his power	Col 1:17
He purged our sins	Rom 3:24-5
He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high	Eph 1:20

Hebrews 1:4, NKJV

having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

WHY IS JESUS BETTER THAN ANGELS?

Old Testament Quote	Reference
"You are my Son, today have I begotten you" (v5)	Ps. 2:7; Acts 13:33
"I will be a Father to Him and He shall be a Son to me" (v5)	2 Sam. 7:14; Luke 1:32-33
"Let all the angels of God worship Him" (v6)	Ps. 97:7(?)
"Who makes His angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire" (v7)	Ps. 104:4
"Your throne, oh God, is forever" (v8-9)	Ps. 45:6
"You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth" (v10-12)	Ps. 102:25
"Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet" (v13)	Ps. 110:1; Josh. 10:24

COMPARING HEB 1:2-4 TO 1:5-14

Trait of the Son	Demonstrated by:
God appointed him heir of all things (v2)	v5; Psa 2:7 and 2 Sam 7:14 (son = heir)
God made the worlds through him (v2)	v10; Psa 102:25
He is the brightness of God's glory (v3)	v8; Psa 45:6 (his throne)
He is the image of God's essence (v3)	v9; Psa 45:7 (God's righteousness) v11-12; Psa 102:26 (his eternal nature)
He holds all things up by the word of his power (v3)	v12; Psa 102:26 (he has power over the heavens)
He sat down at God's right hand (v3)	v13; Psa 110:1
He has inherited a better name than the angels (v4)	v6; Psa 97:7 (angels worship him) v9; Psa 45:7 (he is above his companions)

IN WHAT WAYS DOES HEBREWS 1 CHALLENGE YOU TO GROW?