

Hebrews

Chapter One

The author of Hebrews is unknown. However, it is generally assumed it is from the heart of the Apostle Paul. The letter is primarily addressed to Jewish converts who were very familiar with Old Testament law and practices and were being tempted to revert back to living under a legalistic religious system. The primary theme of the book addresses the absolute supremacy of Jesus as our mediator, high priest, and the One who brought about a better covenant built on better promises.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING: Read Chapter One

SUMMARY: Verses 1-14

1. God is a speaking God. God has been speaking from the beginning of creation. He still speaks to today. And He spoke through the life of Jesus.
2. The world was created through Jesus. He is the heir of all things because it is through Him all things have been created. This is why evolution is such a profound and detrimental teaching. Evolution touches the deity of Jesus Christ. Evolution isn't just about a BIG BANG. It is about teaching a way of creation that dismantles the deity and power of Jesus as the instrument of the creation. He upholds the entire universe.
3. Jesus is God. He is the exact and perfect imprint of God's nature. He was not a man who just did the works of a god. He was and is God.
4. Jesus is superior to any god, angel, or supernatural being. He is superior because He is God's Son. He paid the price for sins, and thus by His obedience was seated at the right hand of the Father. By being raised from the dead after His death on the cross this gave Him the right to be superior.
5. Jesus was the Son of God. This chapter proves the element of the Trinity. It gives a great glimpse in to the structure of the godhead. Father, Son, Spirit.
6. Angels are servants of the Son. Angels serve us. Angels worship the Son. This proves the superiority of the Son.
7. Jesus has a kingdom. It's a kingdom built upon righteousness not ritualistic practices.
8. The Son laid the foundations on the earth in the beginning. The heavens are the works of His hand. The Son is the same and is eternal. The Son sits at the Father's right hand. All these prove the deity and supremacy of Jesus.
9. Jesus is supreme. He is the creator, sustainer, sin breaker and thus, rules in power over all.

REFLECTION

1. What verse stuck out to you most?
2. Why was it important for Paul to prove from the start that God is a speaking God?
3. How does theory of evolution downplay the deity of Christ?
4. Why is it important to show that Jesus is supreme over all other beings?
5. Do you see the elements of the Trinity in this chapter?
6. You don't ever have to fear evil spirits, angels, demons, or any such the like because Jesus is over them all. How does this factor into your life?
7. If Jesus' kingdom is built upon righteousness then why does it seem church is more about religion and rituals?

APPLICATION

1. Are there areas in your personal life where Jesus isn't supreme? Emotions > Actions > Words > Money
2. Why do you think it is critical to believe that the world was created through Jesus?
3. If the trinity is removed from theological belief then how would that effect the deity of Jesus?
4. Do you believe angels are sent to serve you? Do you expect or believe such?

