

## Hebrews: Jesus is Better

### Lesson 1: Pay Attention! (September 28/29)

#### Read Hebrews 1:1-4

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? God still speaks today.

2. Consider and review the following list of ways God spoke through prophets in the Old Testament.

<b>Noah</b>	Genesis 6:9-22	<b>Nathan</b>	2 Samuel 12: 1-10
<b>Abraham</b>	Genesis 15: 1-6	<b>Jeremiah</b>	Jeremiah 18:1-10
<b>Jacob</b>	Genesis 28:10-22	<b>Hosea</b>	Hosea 1:1-11
<b>Moses</b>	Exodus 3:1-10	<b>Jonah</b>	Jonah 1:1-17

In each of these instances write down one or two words that describe how and what God is communicating.

3. Notice the focus on the Son of God in this passage. Fill in the blank with as many definitions you can find:  
The Son is the \_\_\_\_\_

4. Based on your answer to question #3... How does the Son “speak to us” about God?

5. The author states that after Jesus died to cleanse us from our sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Why do you think this is significant?

#### Read Hebrews 1:5-14

6. The preacher uses God the Father’s words from seven different Old Testament texts to prove that the Son is greater than the angels. Why was it important for him to make this distinction between Jesus and the angels?

7. The preacher uses several scriptures to support his argument in this passage. What assumptions can we infer about the preacher's view of Scripture?

8. Angels are awesome creatures, but who like us, worship a far superior being in Jesus, the son of God. Have you ever put too much emphasis on or "worshipped" people, things or even angels more than Jesus?

9. What does this section teach us about God's relationship with His Son?

10. How does God describe the kingdom of the Son? Is the Son a king you would want to be ruled by?

Read Hebrews 2:1-4

11. 2:1 says, "We must pay close attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it." To what must we pay closer attention?

12. What does it mean to drift away and how does it happen?

13. What role does Christian community play in helping resist the temptation to drift away?

14. What three reasons are given in 2:3-4 to establish the credibility of our salvation? Next to each one, note what New Testament event or occurrence they likely describe.

15. Based on this first lesson, what major themes do you expect to see in the book of Hebrews?