

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 1:8-14

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 1:8-14.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

8a But of the Son *He says,*

8b "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER,

8c AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

9a YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS;

9b THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU

9c WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS."

10 And,

10b "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH,

10c AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

11a THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN;

11b AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT,

12a AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP;

12b LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED.

12c BUT YOU ARE THE SAME,

12d AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END."

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

13b "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

13c UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES

13d A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"?

14a Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out

14b to render service

14c for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

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1. How does this week's passage function in relation to verses 5-7 from last week? What kind of contrast is the author making?
2. How do vv. 8-14 support the overall argument of the first half of Hebrews?
3. What is similar about how the author proves his argument in v. 5-7 and v. 8-14?
4. What OT passage does the author cite in verses 8-9 to demonstrate the superiority of Jesus over angels?
5. In order to understand the context for this passage, read all of Psalm 45. What is this Psalm about?

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6. What does this psalm teach us about Jesus?

7. How do vv. 8-9 of Hebrews 1 help us understand Jesus' superiority to angels? What is so different about the Son?

❖ Day 2

Read Hebrews 1:8-14 again.

8. What is the second OT passage from which the author of Hebrews cites in v. 10-12?

9. Given the "And" which begins v. 10, what is the relationship of this second OT quotation to the previous Psalm 45 passage?

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10. Read Psalm 102 in its entirety. Where do the verses used in Hebrews 1 fall in this Psalm? How do they fit into the theme of the Psalm?

11. What attributes of Jesus Christ are especially highlighted in the quotation of v. 10-12? Point out where you specifically see those attributes on display in these verses.

12. How do v. 10-12 work to support the author's argument that Jesus is superior to angels?

❖ **Day 3**

Read Hebrews 1:8-14 again.

13. What OT verse does the author quote in v. 13?

14. Read Psalm 110 in its entirety. Who is the subject of the entire Psalm?

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15. Recall the sermon from a couple weeks ago. What is the Biblical significance of this phrase “sitting at the right hand?” What does it mean for Jesus to occupy that place?

16. Where have we seen this language of “sitting at the right hand” before in Hebrews 1?

17. How does the quotation of v. 13 contribute to the overarching argument of the passage? How is it similar/different from the previous quotations?

18. Who is the “they” described at the beginning of v. 14?

19. What two-word phrase is used to describe them? What does that phrase mean?

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20. What is their purpose in the world? For whom does the author say the angels are to render service?
21. In what ways does the description of angels v. 14 stand in contrast to the previous OT passages?
22. What response should we have to Jesus Christ after this passage and all we've read in this chapter? Who should we be listening to?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would be a people who treasure Jesus Christ. Pray that we would not hold anyone or anything above Him, the Son of God. Pray that we, by the help of the Holy Spirit, would not listen to any voice above that of Jesus Christ.