Lesson 1

Hebrews 1 Christ, Greater Than Angels

1. Read Heb. 1:1-3.

1 In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the ages. 3He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power.

- A. How did God speak to people before Jesus came?
- B. How does He speak today?
- 2. What difference does it make that God has spoken to us by His son?
- 3. Compare the following verses to phrases from Hebrews 1:2-3 and underline the key word in each:

Scripture Verses:

Phrases in Hebrews 1:2-3:

- A. Rom. 8:17 "Whom He has appointed heir of all things"
- B. John 1:3 "By Whom also He made the world"
- C. Mt. 19:28 "Who being the brightness of His glory"
- D. Col. 1:15 "And the express image of His person"
- E. Col. 1:17 "Upholding all things by the word of His power"
- F. Rom. 3:25 "God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement"
- G. Eph. 1:20 "Sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high"
- 4. Which one of the above verses was especially meaningful to you?

5. What assurance about Jesus' work of purification of our sins do we receive from the fact that He is now sitting at God's right hand?

6. Read Heb. 1:4-14. The writer uses seven Old Testament references to prove his claim that Jesus is superior to angels. What proofs do we find here?

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs. The Son's Superiority to Angels 5 For to what angel did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? 6 And again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 7 Of the angels he says, "Who makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." 8 But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, a is for ever and ever, the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your comrades." 10 And, "You, Lord, founded the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; 11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all grow old like a garment, 12 like a cloak you will roll them up, and they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." 13 But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies a stool for your feet"? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

- 7. Who is the source of all of these statements?
- 8. What does this tell us about the authority of our Old Testament?
- 9. Someone makes the statement, "Christ, Buddha, Mohammed, they're all the same". What will you say based upon this chapter?