



1) THE ULTIMATE MESSENGER (HEBREWS 1-2)

WARM UP: Name one person who you believe is a GOAT (“Greatest of All Time”)... it could be in any category, e.g. sport, art, music, cooking.

READ HEBREWS 1

Two big misunderstandings about Christianity are: firstly, people believe Jesus wasn’t as big a deal as he is made out to be, he was just a good guy, or a good teacher, but nothing more; and secondly, people point to almost 2000 years of God not seeming to do things like we read in the Bible as evidence that it was all made up and God can’t be real.

1. Using only Hebrews 1, how would you explain to someone that Jesus really is a big deal... in fact, he is the greatest!
2. Also using only Hebrews 1, how would you explain the fact that there haven’t been any more prophets (like in the OT) since Jesus?

We don’t tend to think as much about angels as the readers of Hebrews did, but this chapter contains some interesting statements about them.

3. What do you believe about angels?
4. How do you respond to the descriptions of them in this chapter?
5. What difference (if any) should the reality of angels make to us?

“The Son is greater than angels” argument doesn’t necessarily have the same impact for us, because we don’t tend to value angels as highly.

6. What encouragement do you find in this chapter though about Jesus?
7. Andrew suggested that if the writer of Hebrews was writing today, he might have gone for a “The Son is greater than humans” argument instead, in order to demonstrate Jesus’ supremacy. Do you agree?

READ HEBREWS 2:1-4

The greatness of Jesus is matched by the greatness of his message, and these verses are a warning to Christians to not “drift away” from, or ignore, the message of salvation.

8. In general terms, how might Christians wander away from the gospel?
9. For you personally, how are you making sure that you are “paying the most careful attention” to the message of Jesus?

READ HEBREWS 2:5-18

Chapter 1 makes it clear that the Son is the greatest, but in chapter 2 we see that the Son became like us (i.e. human) in order that we might become like him (i.e. his brothers and sisters).

11. What significance does this reality have for you as a Christian? Do you think about it much? Does it affect how you think and live your life?
12. If someone asked you what Jesus’ message was (i.e. “the message of salvation”, the gospel), using only Hebrews 2 how would you answer them?

PRAY

Ask God to help you see yourself correctly (neither too high nor too low) and to understand your place in the hierarchy of God’s creation.

Also, pray that humanity would take itself off the top of the hierarchy and submit to Jesus as Son, Lord and King; and that people all over the world would hear and believe the incredible message of salvation.

CHALLENGE/INVITATION

Meditate on Hebrews 1:3 throughout this week. Memorise it if you can! Glory in the beauty of these words... and the reality of who Jesus is.