

Bible Study Questions

Everything You Ever Hoped For: The Superior One

Focus

The superiority of Jesus to the angels is evident in His nature and redeeming work, and thus He must not be neglected. We must listen closely to the message of the Son's great salvation.

Read

[Hebrews 1:5-2:4](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Hebrews which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in Hebrews; the New Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

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1. While most of us today may not be tempted to overly exalt angels and worship them instead of Jesus, what are some of the things that we may wrongly be tempted to treat as supreme? What things in your life are you personally tempted to treat as supreme?
2. How does the superiority of Christ over all things change the way you view those things you wrongly treat as supreme? How does Christ's supremacy affect the way you live your life day to day?
3. What can we learn from the author's use of the Old Testament here about how to read the Old Testament in light of Christ and the New Testament?
4. What especially strikes you about Jesus' identity in this passage? Will you speak of Him differently as a result of reading Hebrews 1?
5. What are some things in your life that make it difficult to hear God's message? What do you frequently entertain that distracts you from hearing His Word and tempts you to drift?
6. Sunday's sermon asked you to think of one action you could take in your life to help you *pay much closer attention* to the message of Jesus and His salvation. What is that action for you?
7. What might be some additional actions we can take to keep ourselves from drifting away and neglecting the message of salvation in Jesus the Son? (For example, what spiritual disciplines might be of help? How can we as members of the same local church be of help to each other?)

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
2. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
3. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?