

# BUT WE SEE HIM!

## THE SERMON TO THE HEBREWS

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### ***MESSAGE 1: OUR ONE OBSESSION***

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1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets

Hebrews 1:1 (ESV)



<sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his  
Son

Hebrews 1:2

<sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hebrews 1:2-4

# Hebrews

## Introduction: Respond to the Eternal & Exalted Son

- A. God spoke to us His final word: His Son!, 1:1-4
  - 1. In the OT God initiated a conversation, 1:1
  - 2. The Son is God's perfect self-expression, 1:2-4
    - a. The Eternal Son, 1:2
    - b. The Ultimate Prophet, Priest, King, 1:3-4
  
- B. God spoke to His Son, 1:5-14
  - 1. The Son as Royal Heir, 1:5
  - 2. The Son Worshipped, 1:6-7
  - 3. The Son Enthroned, 1:8-14

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels 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”?

Hebrews 1:5



<sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world,  
he says,  
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

<sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says,  
“He makes his angels winds,  
and his ministers a flame of fire.”

Hebrews 1:6–7



<sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says,

**“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,**  
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter  
of your kingdom...

<sup>10</sup> And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the  
beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>12</sup> ... **your years will have no end.”**

Hebrews 1:8-12



<sup>13</sup> And to which of the angels has he ever said,  
“Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies a footstool for  
your feet”?

<sup>14</sup> Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve  
for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Hebrews 1:13–14



“We are constantly assured that the churches are empty because preachers insist too much upon doctrine (i.e. theological truth) ... the precise opposite is true. It is the neglect of dogma that leads to dullness. The Christian faith is the most exciting drama to ever stagger the human imagination...



...People demand that we strip away the teaching and just have worship, no matter what. The only drawback to this demand for a generalized and undirected worship is the practical difficulty of arousing any sort of enthusiasm for the worship of nothing in particular.”

Dorothy Sayers



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Hebrews 2:1–4

**2** <sup>1</sup> Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup> For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup> while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:1–4

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*(7 Texts!)*

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### **C. Our response to God's message matters massively, 2:1-4**

<sup>5</sup> For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?

<sup>7</sup> You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup> putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.

Hebrews 2:5–9



“Our galaxy is just one little speck of dust in the universe as it is. If there is a person who holds all that together with the word of his power, his pinky, as it were, is this the kind of person you ask into your life to be your personal assistant?”

Barbara Boyd

Quoted by Timothy Keller

9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

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Main Idea:

**We Don't See Humanity Ruling, But We Do See Jesus!**  
**2:5-9**



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Introduction: Respond to the Eternal & Exalted Son

Fix your eyes on Jesus and...

I. Step forward into salvation

II. Step forward into God's presence

III. Step forward towards home



## Three Little Portraits for Your Heart Hebrews 2:10-18

1. Jesus our Bigger Brother
2. Jesus the Destroyer of the Devil and Death
3. Jesus our Helpful High Priest



“So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!”

Martin Luther

