

# HEBREWS

## STUDY 02 – HEB 1:1-2:4

1. List some of the reasons that a GPS unit is better than a street directory.

*Always up to date; gives voice guidance; don't have to flip pages; etc etc. For the purpose of illustrating that it is a far better and superior system.*



**Read Hebrews 1:1-2:4**

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2. In what ways are we told that God has revealed himself to people?

*In the past through the prophets (ie in the Bible), and also now through Jesus Christ. Note that both of these are still important. Jesus hasn't replaced the Bible as a means of revelation, he is simply in addition to it.*

3. What description are we given here of Jesus and the things that he has done?  
(What do these things mean?)

- (v2) – **God's son** - *(an important theme throughout Hebrews – Jesus is not merely a human, he is in fact the Son of God)*
- (v2) – **God's appointed heir** - *(not only of the earth, but of the entire universe)*
- (v2) – **Creator of all things** - *(He is therefore eternal, and did not simply 'appear' at his birth)*
- (v3) – **Represents God's glory** - *(In Jesus we actually see characterised what God is like. We get an idea of his relationship to the Father)*
- (v3) – **Sustainer of all things** - *(Not only is he the creator, but he also keeps things going. This develops our understanding of Jesus' oneness with God the Father)*
- (v3) – **Ultimate sacrifice** - *(Through his death and resurrection. Majesty = God; right hand = place of honour; sitting = his salvation work is completed)*

**(Heb 1:5-14)**

4. Here the author of Hebrews refers to many Old Testament passages. What is the point that he is trying to make?

*Through these passages he is demonstrating that Jesus is superior to the angels. Whilst they are important as God's servants, Jesus has many superior characteristics.*

5. How do each of the following sections demonstrate that point?

- (v5-6) – *His relationship to God the Father, and his status are superior*
- (v7-12) – *His eternal nature and the roles he has are superior*
- (v13-14) – *His achievements and his ultimate destiny are superior*

6. Compare and contrast Jesus and the angels:

<i>Similarities</i>	<i>Significant Differences</i>
<i>Both act as servants of God</i>	<i>More than simply a servant, Jesus is the Lord Jesus is able to bring about salvation</i>

**(Heb 2:1-4)**

7. What specifically is the message ‘we have heard’ in chapter 1 that we must ‘pay more careful attention’ to?

*The ‘message’ is that God has ultimately revealed his plan for salvation through Jesus.*

8. What warning are we given of not paying attention to the message?

*There is the danger that we may fall away. We will face the punishment of ignoring this opportunity for salvation.*

9. Reflect – what part of this message do you need to pay more attention to? How will you ensure that you are actually able to achieve that?

*A chance for some concrete application of what they have learnt.*