

## **Bible Study for September 27 – October 3, 2021**

**Read:** Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

### **Notes:**

Not a lot is known about the background to the book of Hebrews. Who wrote it, and when exactly it was written are still a bit of a mystery. We do know however, who it was written to; Jewish Christian believers who were suffering persecution for their faith to the point that they were tempted to abandon Christianity. Hebrews then, is a letter of encouragement for believers to hold on, to persevere in spite of their circumstances.

The author does this by showing the reader that the New Covenant in Christ is so superior to the Old Covenant that to fall away from Christ should be unthinkable. Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation; to be trusted in all our experiences in life.

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

What did/does your father do for a living? Would you like to do the same job? Why or why not?

To what (or whom) is Jesus compared to here?

In comparing people and angels, (verses 2:5-8) how are we both lower and higher?

In what respects was Jesus made lower than angels (verse 9)? What elevated him above them?

What does Jesus share in common with humanity? In which respects is Jesus unique?

How do the achievements and example of Jesus described here encourage you when things are not going your way?