December 21/Day 355

Hebrews 1

Verses 1-4

- We are not told who the author of Hebrews is, though some scholars make speculations. If it were important for us to know, God would have told us.
- Thinking about the name of the book, for whom is this book written?
- How did God speak long ago?
- How has He spoken to us in these last days?
- What does verse 2 tell us about creation?
- "Exact representation" is the picture of an ink stamp.
- When did Jesus sit down, after what?
- What does he say about the angels?

Verse 5

• God is telling us not to put so much emphasis on angels. They are created beings. We are to put emphasis on Jesus, His son.

Verses 6-7

• Notice the contrast between the angels and the son.

Verse 8

• God is speaking, what does He call Jesus here?

Verse 9

• The first God in this verse is referring to Jesus. And "Your God" is referring to Father God.

Verse 10

• Again, what are we told about creation? Jesus didn't just arrive on the scene as a baby in Luke 2. Jesus has always been.

Verses 11-12

• If Jesus can create the heavens and the earth, does He have the power to roll it up like a scroll?

Verses 13-14

- What will happen to the enemies of Jesus?
- According to verse 14, what is the purpose of angels?
- What does this mean for the believer?

Hebrews 2

Verses 1-4

- For what reason? It's like a "therefore". Refer back to chapter one to see what the author is talking about.
- What is the danger of not paying attention to the gospel?
- In what way did God testify?

Verses 5-8

• Remember, the words in all caps are quoted from the Old Testament. Do you remember where you read this before? What book?

Verse 9

- In what way was Jesus briefly humbled?
- Why? (answered after "so that")

Verses 10-11

- Who is the author of our salvation and how was He perfected (made complete)?
- What is the application for us if Jesus is our example?

Verses 12-18

- Of what did Jesus partake and why?
- What does fear of death do?
- Why was it necessary for Jesus to become like us?
- Propitiation means to satisfy.
- Was Jesus ever tempted? Why?

Hebrews 3

Verses 1-6

• This book is written to the Hebrew people, but what else were these specific Hebrews?

- What were they to consider about Jesus?
- Why was Jesus to be considered more worthy than Moses if we consider Moses represented the law?

Verses 7-11

- In what way did their fathers test God?
- How did God feel about this?
- What did He say they would not enter?

Verses 12-15

- Those who didn't enter His rest had what kind of heart? (three things)
- What does sin do? (two things)
- We have truly become partakers of Christ if what? Will true believers find themselves drifting into apostacy then?

Verses 16-19

• In verse 18 what does He say they were? In verse 19 why did they not enter His rest? Therefore, disobedience equals unbelief.

Hebrews 4

Verses 1-2

- Therefore what? "Therefore" is a term of conclusion, so what is it summing up?
- Why did the word not profit those in the wilderness?

Verses 3-6

• Why did some fail to enter His rest? Remember, disobedience equals unbelief.

Verses 7-13

- Joshua led the people into the Promised Land. Was this the rest of which He speaks?
- The person who has entered God's rest has rested from what?
- How can we be diligent to enter His rest? Doesn't the word "diligent" imply work?
- How is the Word of God described here?
- A two-edged sword was really like a small dagger which pierces going in and coming out? What does this tell us about His word?
- Is there anywhere the word can't reach? What does it judge? Remember, the heart is the seat of the will and emotion.

Verses 14-16

- Who is our great high priest?
- To what should we hold fast?
- Where can we draw near? How? When? How are we received?

Hebrews 5

Verses 1-4

- How can a high priest sympathize?
- Ignorant means uninformed.
- Can just anyone become a priest? Peter called believers a kingdom of priests? How does this relate?

Verses 5-6

• DO you remember Melchizedek from Genesis? He was the king and a priest to whom Abraham tithed. He existed without genealogy and he was a priest prior to the giving of the Law and prior to the establishment of the priestly service.

Verses 7-10

- Who is this passage about and what are we told about Him?
- Was he a priest of the Levite order?

Verses 11-14

- Why was it hard to explain this to them?
- What people group was the author speaking to who would have known this information about Melchizedek?
- My teacher used to say "Familiarity breeds contempt". Do we typically want to be told something we already know?
- Contrast milk and meat in this passage. Have you ever heard anyone say they like a particular teacher because they spoon-feed you? In which category does this teaching fall? Of course, we have to start somewhere, but we shouldn't stay there. Growth and maturity are indicators of true faith.

Hebrews 6

Verses 1-8

• What do we leave behind in order to press on?

- Why is it impossible to renew someone again to repentance who has fallen away? If they do this, have they truly tasted the heavenly gift, been made a partaker, and have tasted the good word?
- If they have truly been born-again, there will be no need to crucify Christ again. How would this cause Christ shame?
- Falling away is akin to thorns and thistles. Do you remember the Parable of the Sower?

Verses 9-12

- Any teacher knows when addressing a group of believers, there is a chance there are some there who may have information but have not truly been born-again. What does the author say he is convinced of regarding these recipients?
- How long will a true believer realize full assurance?
- Who do true believers imitate?

Verses 13-20

- Why does the author use Abraham as an example here in regard to patiently waiting for the promise?
- If you are keeping a systematic theology by journaling what you learn about God's ways and character, take note of what we are told in verse 18. What is God unable to do?
- In Scripture, hope is never wishful thinking, it is always a guarantee which we have just not yet received. What does hope do to the soul?
- Where does hope enter? Chapter 10 will tell us the veil is the flesh of Jesus.
- In the temple, the veil separated man from God? Who entered first paving the way for us to enter?

Isn't this amazing?!? See you tomorrow.