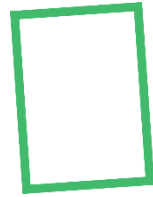


Hebrews 1:5–2:18

Term 3, session 2



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Extra discussion...
Read through 2:1–18

What are your first thoughts on what it meant for the author of our salvation to be 'made perfect through suffering' (2:10)? Why is it important that he was?

Introduction

1. A reminder of what these people were going through (or: had been through)...
Heb 10:32–39

2. A reminder: Hebrews as a 'word of exhortation' (13:22)

Exhortation (6:18; 12:5; 13:22)

To exhort (3:13; 10:25; 13:19; 13:22)

Here: exhortation (2:1–4, 3:1–6) and exposition (1:5–14, 2:5–18)

3. Where we are in the big picture...

1:1–4 God has spoken through one who is *Son*...

1:5–2:18 (3:1) ...whose greatness should attract and keep our attention

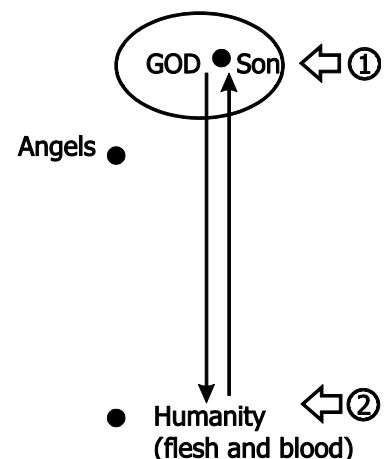
4. A quick note about angels in the Bible

- A reference point (Psalm 8)
- ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation (cf. Heb 1:14)

Were the recipients of Hebrews obsessed with angles?

...perhaps as a source of special revelation?

...perhaps influencing their ideas of their Messiah or Saviour?





5. The writer's use of (biblical) witnesses
 A sequence of seven quotation in chapter 1 alone – why?

6. Where we are heading next...

1. More on how being Son is as close to God as you can get
2. Something new on how the one who is Son brings many sons to glory

The big picture of 1:1–2:18 (3:1)

Tools

	Structure and arrangement. Ask: <i>How has the author arranged this? What are the structural clues? Why is this structured like this?</i>
	Linking words. Look for connecting words that help you understand how one thing said related to another (e.g. 'so', 'therefore', 'because', 'so that', 'for' etc.)

Exposition...

1:1-14
 God has spoken by his Son
 ...who is greater than the angels
 End point:
 and has victory over all things (1:13)

Exhortation

2:1-4
Therefore...
 we must pay closer attention
 to what we have heard...

2:5-18
 This victory follows being lower than
 the angels for a time...
 ...which was necessary for the Son
 to bring many sons to glory

3:1
Therefore...
 consider Jesus -
 apostle
and
 high priest

The detail in 1:5–2:4

Group work

What point is the writer making with the following quotations?

1:5–6	Ps 2:7 and 2 Sam 7:14, followed by Deut 32:43 LXX ¹ (or Ps 97:7)	
1:7–12	Ps 104:4, followed by Ps 45:6–7 and 102:25–27	
1:13	Ps 110:1	

2:1 – 4 Therefore...

Group work

So how would you express the purpose of 1:1–2:4?

The detail in 2:5–3:1

2:5–9

This final expression and demonstration of victorious supremacy follows being 'lower' than the angels for a time

The task is...

¹ The Greek version of Deut 32:43 reads, 'All heavens rejoice with him; and let all the sons of God worship him. Nations, rejoice with his people, and let all the angels of God strengthen him, because...'

2:10–18

*For in bringing many sons to glory, it was entirely appropriate that God-- all things exist for Him and through Him-- should make the source of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
(2:10 HSB)*

Objection: hasn't Jesus always been perfect?

The task necessitates a complete identification with flesh and blood.

The task helps those who are being tempted...

3:1 Therefore...

So how would you express the purpose of 2:5–3:1?

Group work

Complete the following summary...

(1:1–4) God has spoken through one who is Son:

- (1:5–14) one who is _____
 - (2:1–4) Therefore, _____
- (2:5–18) one who is _____
 - (3:1) Therefore, _____