

Hebrews 1:1 – 14

New American Standard Version

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say,

“YOU ARE MY SON,

TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”?

[Ps 2:7]

And again,

“I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM

AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME”?

[2 Sam 7:14]

⁶ And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

“AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.”

[Ps 97:7]

⁷ And of the angels He says,

“WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,

AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.”

[Ps 104:4]

⁸ But of the Son *He* says,

“YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER,

AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

⁹ “YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS;

[Ps 45:6-7]

THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU

WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.”

[Is 61:1,3]

¹⁰ And,

“YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE

EARTH,

AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

¹¹ THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN;

[Ps 102:25,26]

AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT,

[Is 51:6]

¹² AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP;

LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED.

BUT YOU ARE THE SAME,

AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.”

[Ps 102:26, 27]

¹³ But to which of the angels has He ever said,

“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES

A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET”?

[Ps 110:1]

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

...and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Observation (What does it say?):

| About the Son | About the Angels |
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Interpretation (What does it mean?):

- Why are angels used for comparison?
- How does each comparison relate to “seated at the right hand” (v. 3, 13)?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

- What effect might the picture of Jesus at the right hand of the Father have on your worship? On your prayers? On any other part of your relationship with the Triune God?

Additional questions for thought and discussion:

- Which of the Scripture quotations gives you the best picture of the status of Jesus?
- Why are angels described as “winds” and “flames of fire” (v. 7)?
- Who are the “companions” in verse 9?
- How do you understand “rendering service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation” (v. 14)? Why does the writer mention this in the context of exalting the Son?
- What is the significance of sitting at someone’s right hand?

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer’s thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer’s thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures,
but draw everything from them,
and suffer nothing to remain
hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**