

Hebrews 1:6 – 14

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

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

3 “And let all the angels of God worship Him.”
4 [Psalm 97:7]

5 ⁷ And of the angels He says,

6 “Who makes His angels winds,
7 And His ministers a flame of fire.” [Psalm 104:4]

8 ⁸ But of the Son *He* says,

9 “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
10 And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His
11 kingdom.

12 ⁹ “You have loved righteousness and hated
13 lawlessness;
14 Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
15 With the oil of gladness above Your companions.”
16 [Psalm 45:6-7]

17 ¹⁰ And,

18 “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of
19 the earth,

20 And the heavens are the works of Your hands;

21 ¹¹ They will perish, but You remain;
22 And they all will become old like a garment,

23 ¹² And like a mantle You will roll them up;
24 Like a garment they will also be changed.

25 But You are the same,
26 And Your years will not come to an end.”

27 [Psalm 102:25-27]

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

29 “Sit at My right hand,
30 Until I make Your enemies
31 A footstool for Your feet”? [Psalm 110:1]

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

**Read the passage through completely
before looking at these questions.**

Observation (What does it say?):

Consider the observation questions on the back of this page. What do you notice in this passage?

- Repeated words or ideas?
- Comparisons or contrasts?
- Purpose or explanation?
- Unusual or symbolic language?
- Commands or instructions?
- Conditional (if–then) statements?
- What else do you observe in this passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

After observing the passage:

- What parts seem clear and straightforward?
- What parts seem unclear or confusing?
- What parts challenge your previous thinking?
- What questions come to mind as you read?
- How would you title this passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

- What parts of this passage fit your current life situation?
- What parts seem unrelated to your circumstances?
- How might this passage affect your understanding of who God is and what He is doing?
- What part of this passage would be the most challenging for you to apply?
- What would be different (attitudes, behavior)

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For additional thought and discussion:

For more suggested methods of study: <http://www.goodnotsafe.com/methodical-bible-study/>

For examples of inductive studies: <http://www.goodnotsafe.com/inductive-bible-study-examples-2/>

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)**

For a much more detailed description of the methodology, see
Robert A. Traina, *Methodical Bible Study*. Wilmore, Kentucky: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1952.