

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



2. Jesus: High Priest in God's House

(Leader's Notes)

Introduction

As we saw in our first study, the Book of Hebrews is about Jesus. The first chapter tells us how Jesus is the one who is over God's House and superior to all others, including the angels. Now in chapter two we learn that Jesus was willing to be made lower than the angels so that he could become our High Priest.

1. Jesus: Our Brother in God's House Hebrews 2:5-18

- ❖ In what way was Jesus made lower than the angels according to Hebrews 2:9? Why did he do this?
(Angels never face death, yet Jesus was willing to become a man and die. He did this for us!)
- ❖ Why was Jesus not ashamed to call us brothers? V10-11, 14
(He was not ashamed to call us brothers as he identified with us in every way, becoming flesh and blood, and going through temptations just as we do.)
- ❖ We have brothers and sisters in Christ from different racial groups and different places in society. Why do we sometimes struggle to accept them? What can we learn from Jesus?
- ❖ Of all the things written about Jesus in these verses, which one encourages you the most? Why?
- ❖ Why was it necessary that Jesus be made 'like' his brothers in every way? V14-15, 17, 18
*(So that by his death he would destroy the one who has the power of death, the devil.
So that he might free us from slavery to death.
To become our faithful and merciful High Priest.
He make atonement for our sins.
To help us when we are tempted.)*

2. Jesus: One Faithful over God's House Hebrews 3:1-6

After showing that Jesus was made lower than the angels for our sake, the author compares Jesus with Moses.

- ❖ Why would it be important for the Hebrew Christians who originally received this letter to be convinced that Jesus was greater than Moses? Hebrews 3:2, 5. How was he greater according to v3 and 6?
(Moses had been one of their greatest leaders and they held him in very high esteem. However Moses was a servant in God's House, whereas Jesus was a Son in God's House. Moses was faithful in God's House, while Jesus was faithful over God's House.)
- ❖ We read about the faithfulness of both Moses and Jesus. Why is this quality so important to God do you think? Discuss.

Reality Check

Am I faithful in what God has called me to do? In what areas do I need to change or improve? Let's make it our aim to become more like Jesus.

Each time the author shares one of the great truths about Jesus, he goes on to say, 'therefore ... this is how you should live.' See Hebrews 2:1, 4:1, 4:14.

- ❖ What encouragements or reminders are given in Hebrews 3:1 and 6?

*(The two reminders are: to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.
 To hold onto the hope we have.)*

- ❖ Has there been a time when you have overcome a test or temptation with God's help? Share your experience.

Conclusion

Jesus is greater than all others! Yet he willingly became a man and chose to die, so he could become our High Priest and help us in time of need. Remember to 'look up' when you are going through times of trouble.