

Better. Better Savior

Hebrews 1:1-4 NKJV: God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

LIFE GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:

2020 has been a very difficult year and we're all praying for and looking for "Better" things - better news, better days, better health, etc. The theme of the book of Hebrews is that Jesus is Better than everything, which is a wonderful promise that we need to hold on to and place our trust in! This week, we're focusing on the fact that Jesus is the Better Savior - in fact He is the Only Savior! Religion, ritual, and rules don't save us - only a relationship with Jesus will do that!

1A) What is the amazing truth that we learn from Hebrews 1:1?

1B) From the following verses how else do we find that God has spoken to us and does speak to us today?

Hebrews 1:2:

Romans 1:20:

Romans 2:4:

Romans 2:15:

1C) PERSONAL: How do you think God speaks to you the most?

Give an example when you knew that God was speaking to you.

2A) What else do we learn about our wonderful Savior in Hebrews 1:2-4?

2B) PERSONAL: Which of these facts revealing that Jesus is a Better Savior means the most to you and why?

3A) How does Psalm 24:1-2 confirm what we learn in Hebrews 1:2?

3B) How does John 1:1-3 also confirm what we learn in Hebrews 1:3?

Read Colossians 1:15-17:

4A) What did Paul tell the Colossians that is very similar to what the writer of Hebrews said?

4B) PERSONAL: As you're dealing with all sorts of difficulties, how does knowing that Jesus made all things and sustains all things help you realize that He is in control of all things?

5) Why is it so important for us to know that when Jesus - by Himself - had purged our sins - that He sat down at the right hand of God?

6A) What other details about this fact do we find in the following verses?

Hebrews 8:1-2:

Hebrews 10:11-12:

6B) What does Hebrews 12:2-3 tell us that we're supposed to do because Jesus sat down?

Read Hebrews 1:10-14:

7) In these verses, how does the writer of Hebrews affirm everything that was said in verses 1-4?

ACT: In this new series, we're going to be encouraged by the truth that nothing is Better than Jesus! To know that Jesus is the Better Savior should help us to trust in the Salvation and Promise of Eternal Life, in His Plan and His Purpose for our earthly life, and to base our trust in Him knowing that He expounds the mind of God, that He executes the will of God, and that He expresses the Love of God in every situation that we might face. Jesus was the First Word, He is the Focus of all the words of the Bible, He is the Full Word - nothing we need to know has been left out, and He is the Final Word. He is the Better Savior - the only Savior of our souls!

Daily Devotional: It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- This week let's look at passages that describe how important the Word of God is in our lives.

Monday:

Proverbs 30:5-6 NLT

Every word of God proves true. He is a shield to all who come to him for protection. Do not add to his words, or he may rebuke you and expose you as a liar.

Tuesday:

John 1:14 NLT

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

Wednesday:

John 17:14-17 NLT

"I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth."

Thursday:

Hebrews 4:12-13 NLT

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

Friday:

James 1:21-24 NLT

So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

Saturday:

2 Peter 1:19-20 NLT

Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding,

Sunday:

2 Peter 3:5-7 NLT

They deliberately forget that God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water. Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood. And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.

