# Mark Your Bible / Memory Work

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# **Hebrews 1-5** Overview

- 1. God spoke in time past by the prophets (Heb. 1:1)
  - a. at various times (*polymeros* G4181 adverb) signifies "in many parts" or "portions" (*polus*, "many," and *meros*, "a part") (Vine 477)
    - i. The Bible was not revealed all at once (cf. <u>1 Cor. 13:8-12</u> part = meros)
    - ii. It took some 1,600 years to complete God's revelation to man
  - b. in various ways (*polytropos* G4187 adverb) means "in many ways" (*polus*, "much," *tropos*, "a manner, way"; Eng., "trope") (Vine 177)
    - i. God used dreams (<u>1 Kgs. 3:5</u>), visions (<u>Ezek. 1:1</u>), symbols (<u>Dan. 5</u>), prophets who spoke (like Elijah and Elisha), prophets who spoke and wrote (like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel), angels (<u>Jdg. 13:2-5</u>), etc.
- 2. God speaks in these last days by Jesus (Heb. 1:2)
  - a. "these last days" began on the day of Pentecost following the ascension of Christ (Acts 2:16-21 citing Joel 2:28-32)
    - i. The church of Christ was prophesied to be established "in the last days" (Isa. 2:2; Mic. 4:1)
    - ii. Other "last days" references (2 Tim. 3:1; Jm. 5:3; 2 Pet. 3:3)

- b. His Son refers to Jesus (Heb. 4:14)
- c. We must hear (listen to; obey) Jesus
  - i. The transfiguration (Matt. 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35)
- 3. Jesus is a **better** Revelator than the prophets and angels (Heb. 1:3-2:18)
  - a. Christ's Sonship better than the angels (Heb. 1:5)
  - b. Angels are to worship the Son (Heb. 1:6)
    - i. Only God is worthy of worship (Matt. 4:10)
  - c. Angels are ministers but the Son is King of kings (<u>Heb. 1:7-14</u>; cf. <u>1 Tim.</u> <u>6:15</u>; <u>Rev. 17:14</u>, <u>19:16</u>)
    - i. Consider that angels are created beings and Christ (The Word) is the Creator (cf. Ps. 148:2, 5; Col. 1:13-17; Jn. 1:1-3, 14)
    - ii. ministering (*leitourgikos* G3010 adjective) *relating to the performance of service*, *employed in ministering*: of angels executing God's behests (commands) <u>Heb. 1:14</u> (Thayer 376)
      - 1. Angels are subject to Christ not the other way around

- 1. Jesus is a **better** Revelator than the prophets and angels cont. (Heb. 1:3-2:18)
  - a. To neglect Christ and His teachings brings the wrath of God (Heb. 2:1-3)
    - i. if we neglect (*ameleo* G272 verb) denotes (a) "to be careless, not to care" (a, negative, *melei*, "it is a care"; from *melo*, "to care, to be a care") (Vine 429)
    - ii. All one must do to be lost is to neglect the Gospel i.e., not obey it (cf. <u>2</u> Thes. 1:7-9)
    - iii. Confirmation of revelation (Heb. 2:4; cf. Mark 16:20)
- 2. Christ made lower than the angels i.e., man so that He could die to save man (<u>Heb. 2:5-18</u>)

- a. Christ must reign until death is destroyed (1 Cor. 15:20-26)
- b. The Father is above Christ (<u>1 Cor. 15:27-28</u>, <u>3:23</u>, <u>11:3</u>; <u>Jn. 14:28</u>)
- c. No plan of salvation for fallen angels (Heb. 2:16)
  - i. "For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;" (2 Pet. 2:4)
  - ii. "And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;" (<u>Jude 6</u>)
  - iii. "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:" (Matt. 25:41)
- d. Christ is our merciful and faithful High Priest (Heb. 2:17)
  - i. He understands what it means to be human and to suffer (cf. <u>Heb. 2:10</u>, <u>18</u>)
  - ii. His example aids us when we are tempted (cf. Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13)

- 1. Jesus is a **better** Mediator than Moses (Heb. 3:1-19)
  - a. Christ can perfectly mediate between man and God because He is both (cf. <u>1 Tim. 2:5-6</u>)
    - He understands what is needed by both parties in order to bring reconciliation
  - b. Jesus is not only High Priest, He is the Apostle of our confession (Heb. 3:1)
    - i. Christ is God's Chief Messenger (cf. <u>John 12:48-50</u>, <u>17:3</u>, <u>20:21</u>)
  - c. Moses was faithful <u>in</u> all His house; Christ was faithful <u>over</u> His own house (<u>Heb. 3:2-6</u>)

- 2. Warning against the sin of unbelief (Heb. 3:7-19)
  - a. This sin still plagues many people today
  - b. Those that did not believe perished in the wilderness (Heb. 3:16-19)
    - i. Note the connection between rebellion, disobedience, and unbelief
    - ii. "16 For who, having heard, **rebelled**? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who **sinned**, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who **did not obey**? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of **unbelief**." (Heb. 3:16-19)
  - c. We need to be encouraging each other **daily** to stay faithful (Heb. 3:12-13)
    - i. Why? We too are susceptible to unbelief and thus disobedience

- 1. Jesus is a **better** Provider of rest than Joshua (<u>Heb. 4:1-13</u>)
  - a. The Word must be heard as well as obeyed (cf. Rom. 2:13; Jm. 1:22-25, 2:14-26)
  - b. Why could not some enter into the Promised Land?
    - i. Disobedience (Heb. 4:6)
- 2. God's Word is alive and powerful (Heb. 4:12)
  - a. It is not a dead letter
  - b. The Word likened to a sword (cf. Eph. 6:17; Rev. 1:16, 2:12, 16, 19:15)
- 3. God sees all (<u>Heb. 4:13</u>)
  - a. Sometimes referred to as Omnipresence (cf. <u>Ps. 139</u>; <u>Prov. 5:21</u>, <u>15:3</u>, <u>11</u>; <u>Acts 17:27</u>; <u>Jer. 16:17</u>, <u>23:23-24</u>; <u>Job 34:21-22</u>; <u>2 Chr. 16:9</u>)
  - b. Hence the foolishness of doubting Him in unbelief

- 4. Jesus is a **better** High Priest (Heb. 4:14-10:18)
  - a. Our High Priest is not on Earth but in Heaven (Heb. 4:14)
  - b. Our High Priest never sinned (Heb. 4:15)
  - c. Our High Priest gives us access to God (Heb. 4:16)

- 1. Jesus is a **better** High Priest cont. (<u>Heb. 4:14-10:18</u>)
  - a. High Priests under the Law of Moses had to offer sacrifices for others and themselves because of sin (<u>Heb. 5:1-3</u>)
  - b. No High Priest took this office by himself but was called by God just like Aaron and Christ (Heb. 5:4-11)
  - c. Christ was called according to the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 5:6, 10)
    - i. This will be explained in detail in Hebrews 7
- 2. Obedience is necessary for salvation (Heb. 5:9)
- 3. Spiritual immaturity hinders growth (Heb. 5:12-14)
  - a. Milk represents the first principles, fundamentals or basics (Heb. 5:12-13)
  - Solid food represents more difficult concepts and is for the mature (<u>Heb.</u>
    5:14)
    - i. Senses must be exercised or they become weak
    - ii. We ought to be able to tell the difference between good and evil as we grow and mature
    - iii. We ought to be able to teach others as we grow and mature
  - c. If I have been a Christian for 5, 10, or 15 years but I am still on the milk something is wrong
    - i. We would be alarmed if a baby stayed a baby year after year
    - ii. How much more so spiritually?