

Hebrews 1 Outline

1A The recent message of God in Christ, vv.1-4:

1B Messages past and present, v.1:

1C The variety of past messages and messengers, 1a: The God who spoke long ago in many portions and various ways to the fathers by the prophets.

2C The recent message of the incarnate Son, 1b: upon these recent days spoke to us in the Son.

2B The true nature of Christ, vv.2-3:

1C Heir, 2a: Whom He placed as heir of all things.

2C Creator, 2b: through whom He also made the worlds.

3C True deity, 3a: Who is also the radiance of glory and the exact impression of His hidden essence.

4C Sustainer of the universe, 3b: upholding all things by the word of His power.

5C Atoner for sins, 3c: after He made purification for our sins by Himself.

3B The results of the incarnation, vv.3d-4:

1C Exalted, 3d: He sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high.

2C Basis for exaltation, 4: having become so much greater than the angels, He has inherited a more distinguished name than them.

2A The superiority of Christ to the angels, vv.5-14:

1B The unique Father-Son relationship as basis for superiority, 5: For to which of the angels did He once say, *‘You are my Son, I Myself have begotten you today?’* And again, *‘I am a Father to Him, and He is a Son to Me?’*

2B The certain and final obeisance of angels as basis for superiority, 6: And whenever He again introduces the first-born into the world He says, *‘And let all the angels of God make obeisance to Him.’*

3B The contrast between the appointed role of angels in creation and Christ’s role as Creator and Messiah as the basis for superiority, vv.7-9:

1C The role of angels, 7: And while to the angels He says, *‘The one who makes His angels spirits, and His servants a flaming fire,’*

2C The role of the Son, 8: to the Son, *‘Your throne, God, forever and ever; a straight scepter is the scepter of Your Kingdom.’*

3C The attitude of the Son, 9: *You love righteousness, and you hated lawlessness; for this reason God, your God, anointed you with oil of gladness beside your companions.’*

4B The eternal Son created the physical, temporal universe, vv.10-12:

1C Creation, 10: And, *‘You, Lord, according to the beginning founded the earth, and the heavens are the works of your hands.’*

2C Perishability of the physical universe, 11: *They will perish, but You remain; and all like a garment will become old;*

3C Final disposition of the physical universe, 12: *You will roll them up, and they will be changed, but you are the same, and Your years will not fail.*

5B Contrast between the status of the Son and the role of the angels, vv.13-14:

1C Status of the Son, 13: *And to which of the angels did He ever say, "Sit at My right hand, until I place your enemies as a footstool for your feet?"*

2C Role of the angels, 14: *Are they not all ministering spirits, being sent for service for the sake of the ones about to inherit salvation?*