THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Chapter One

Verse:

- 1. God who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
- 2. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
- 3. 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 on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- 4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
- 5. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son?
- 6. And again, when he brings in the first begotten into the world, he said, And let all the angels of God worship him.
- 7. And of the angels he said, Who makes his angels' spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.
- 8. But unto the Son he said, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.
- 9. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 10. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of your hands.
- 11. They shall perish, but thou remain: and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
- 12. And as a vesture shall thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.
- 13. But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make your enemies thy footstool?
- 14. Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

This is a wonderful passage of scripture. God is setting a foundation through the Apostle Paul. This is a book of change. Everything is changing; the law is changing to the new covenant. The Priesthood is changing from humanity to the Spirit of God, the Christ. The Tabernacle is changing from the old Tabernacle to the new Tabernacle. So we really have to put our ears on and hear what the Spirit is saying to us in this Book of Hebrews.

Vs 1 "God at sundry times, or literally at different times and in different ways, spoke in times past to the fathers of Israel. Who are the fathers of Israel? The leaders...Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, not just to them but other men in different times. Not by, but through the prophets. These were the leaders, but yet he had prophets that came and spoke to them. Everyone thinks that just the leadership is going to have it. No, I can show you in Samuel that Eli was the high priest and God sent another prophet to prophesy to him what he already knew was going to come, because he was a wicked priest. And God will send others to prophesy into your life. And for someone to just come into your life and say, 'Thus saith the Lord' is not what I am speaking of. Jesus was the prophet; he was a Priest and a King. In the Old Testament this is what Hebrews shows you again. There was an Old Testament Prophet and they would say, 'Thus saith the Lord' and spoke judgment and things like that; and spoke fear upon people. But in the New Testament Jesus is a prophet. Now tell me how he did it? Did he go around threatening anyone? He just spoke one thing, what he heard his Father say. All he did was speak the word of God. So a prophet under the New Covenant is not someone who comes foretelling and trying to tell the future, they are just going to tell you the truth. Do you understand that? It's going to be someone telling you the truth. It doesn't have to be someone saying, 'thus saith the Lord'. All they have to do is speak truth. So if Christ is in each one of you, which one of you can be a prophet? All. Every one of you. You have the ability to speak the word of God, the spirit of God, out of you because it's in you. It is in YOU. It is not something you have to work up to to where you can finally get to a place that you can do it. I have heard God speak out of all kinds of people. I have heard Him through all kinds of voices, and that is what He is trying to tell us. He said in times past, that is what He did. Just through those, "quote" prophets. But look at verse two. "But in these final days or last days he spoke unto us, not by, but through his Son, who he has appointed heir of all"; the word 'things' shouldn't be there it is an added word. He has been appointed heir of all.' Who would that leave out? No one, nothing, or anything. "Through whom he also made the worlds" literally the word is 'aion' or 'the ages'. He made all the ages. Who did He make it through? Who was his son? I am, you are. The SON, it's not one person; it's a corporate son. Later as we look into this chapter we will go back and see that He speaks about the very beginning. It's about from the very beginning, this son that was created. That is what is being revealed. IF we can't see that we were sons of God from the very beginning; if we can't look through this thing called time and look back into the reality of truth and see that "yes", we were with Him in the beginning. Does the book say that we were with God in the beginning? Yes. Well then we have to see that. (Not intellectually.) We've got to see that yes, I stood with Him. That doesn't make me any better than anyone else. I just have to know that I was there. And if I was there, guess what I've got? The same thing that Christ has. Moses just had God pass by

and look at his backside and he glowed so much that he had to put a veil on. I haven't seen anyone putting a veil on in here, have you? Maybe we need to see a little clearer do you think? We need to have a better revelation of God. We need to have a better vision of the Son of God and who He is. If we don't see who He is, we can't be who He is. Are we not supposed to be just like Him? If I can't see what He looks like, then how can I possibly be like Him? I have to have a revelation of who Christ is, and I can't see Him out there. I have to have the revelation in me. I have got to see the revelation of Christ in me. I can't come in and say, 'I'm a sinner'. God said we are righteous and holy, He didn't say we did anything wrong, He said we are not sinners.

Vs 2 "But in these last days spoken unto us through his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all, through whom he has made the worlds; or the ages."

Vs 3 "Who being the brightness...." the word "brightness" literally means the reflected brightness or the out raying. So it says that he is the exact image or the out raying of God. The brightness of God that is in him is coming out of him and we are that very brightness; that very out raying of God. We are coming from God so that brightness that is coming out of God is US. Where did we come from? We came from Him. He said the "express image" or the exact copy, or exact representation of His person; it should be the word 'essence'. We are the express image, or exact copy, or exact representation of His essence. Wouldn't that be the same as His nature? His person? His Character? We are the exact thing, so in other words lets put it in the way that the people talk today about DNA. The Father and Son would have the same DNA. Well it's the same thing. We have everything that He has. Your spiritual rebirth had nothing to do with going to a church and going to an altar and crying. It had nothing to do with an emotion in you of welling up and crying or feeling sorry. How was the Son created in the first century? How was He birthed? Through the Father's choice. The Holy Spirit came upon Mary (literally Miriam) and she conceived. It's the same thing in you. The Father sends the Spirit of God upon you and you conceive that Holy thing in you. You have to be able to see that this is you. It is not about someone else. Jesus was the pattern; He was the first of many brethren. So you have to realize it's Him showing you the way that you are going to come through. You are born again, not of a corruptible seed, but of an incorruptible seed, which is the word of God, and He says, 'Now! Guess what you are? You are a son, destined to reign. And when He says it, you're there. And once you realize you are a son, can you ever become not a son? So this essence that he has, 'upholding all things or all by the word of his power'. So who is in control of everything? HE IS. So if He is upholding or his word of his power is upholding all things or "all", then who is in control? Am I? No, and you are not either. God is in control of all. 'When he had through himself.' Now lets look at this, there are things for today that has been

out for years that most of the ministries today don't believe that Jesus was the sacrifice. There are those running around in the Kingdom ministry saying that Jesus is not a sacrifice. Well, I beg to differ with that. If He wasn't the sacrifice, what are we doing here? There are people with big names that are saying that. And 70-80% of people coming out of Seminaries today are saying that there is another way to come to God other than through the sacrifice of the cross and through His blood. They don't believe in the virgin birth. Well do you know what? I had a virgin birth. Did you? If you're born again I know you did. I know it was a virgin birth; my inside had never been defiled. The seed of God in me had never been defiled, the incorruptible word of God. No one can defile that thing inside of you; that holy thing; that seed that God placed in there. But notice who did it. Back to verse three.

"When he had through who? (Himself) Not 'by' but 'through' it's the word 'dia' himself had purged our sins, or washed away our sins." The language says washed away our sins. The church today says if you do this, this, and this then God will accept you, but this says, 'by himself, through himself, he washed away my sins. What does that have to do with what I do? Nothing! He took care of my sin. Do you believe it? How can I be a sinner if he took care of my sin? He washed my sin so how can I be a sinner? I'm sorry, but I am a Son of God. I don't care what anyone thinks about that; I still am a Son of God. They can tell me whatever they want to. I have to believe what He said. He did it by Himself. But I know this, when He died, He died FOR me. I know that. So now I can boldly stand and proclaim and say, hey, I don't care what they say, because they talked about my Lord. They told him he was full of devils, they told him he was crazy. Do you think I'm concerned about someone slandering me a little bit? There was a woman who called me and said a friend of hers has a church and a woman came into that church and told her they were just terrible because they weren't a big church; and that in a years time they should have been huge like someplace down in Texas. This minister was just crushed. She didn't know what to think because someone came in to the congregation and she thinks the room was Holy, not us, she thought the building was Holy. She was crushed that someone could come into what they call the sanctuary and speak something negative about her. If she can't handle that, how is she going to minister to the world? I have had them to come in here and cuss me and do everything in the world in here. Some threatened to punch me out, right in here, but what has that got to do with it? All I know is that those people are deceived and they are looking for love and don't know how to find it and they're frustrated. Has anybody ever been that way, frustrated and looking for God and just not getting what you want? He is giving you what you **need**, but you know you just don't get it so you get frustrated that's all. So if we can't handle that, we are not going to make it. But I know that he did it. "And he has sat down;" and that means that he is resting, he is done. Guess who it's

up to now? It's up to the rest of the sons to do it now. He said, you are going to do greater works than I did. ' *He sat down on the right hand,* or in the full power and authority *of the Majesty in the high place'*. I wonder where that is? <u>It is the Holy of Holies, right between your ears.</u>

Vs 4 'Being made so much better than the angels, or the messengers, as he has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name, or nature and character than they. ' Jesus had a more precious name, or better nature and character than even the angels had. (Much better.) So you know what? I'm thrilled because that same nature is in me. And just like I said in that song earlier, I have to see it in you, and you and you, every one of you. And if I can't see it in you, I will never see it in myself. I have to be able to see Him when I look in you; I have to see a reflection of me. If you look closely into someone's eyes when you get close to them you will see a reflection of yourself. I can look into your eyes and see a picture of me; literally your eyes are a perfect mirror; they reflect it right back. He has this name; and it's in you.

Vs 5 "Because unto which of the angels said he at any time, thou art my Son," Is there any where in scripture that He said that? He didn't and we know that. He said, "this day have I procreated you, begotten you, give birth to you even again, or once more." "Even once more I will be a father to him for I exist to him a Father and he shall be to me a Son?" When did He ever say that to anyone other than His Son? It is not one person; it's a many-membered Son.

Vs 6 "And further, or moreover, when He brought in the first-begotten to the earth" (now he said the first begotten into the world. What do you think the first begotten is? It's a prototype. If you look in Acts 3:25 (This is Peter's speech after the day of Pentecost) He says, 'You are the children of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, and in thy seed shall all kindred's of the earth be blessed. Unto you first, God having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.' That ought to make you shout. Because you are a part of this seed through what He made to Abraham, and He said that He is going to turn every one of your iniquities away from you. So if you did anything wrong, guess what? He has already turned it away from you. You are not accountable for it any longer. He said he paid the price for the sin, how could he come back and ask for it again? He is not going to. There are several things about the first born in Romans 4:13, 9:8, and Galatians 3:16-20. If you will look at those passages you will see where he is speaking about bringing about those firstborn into the world and it is through Christ, through Jesus; and now it's coming through us. And when He brought them into the world (or earth), He said, 'Even let all the angels of God worship him.' Angels are not to be worshipped. They

are supposed to minister and worship to the Christ, to God, and they're here to minister to us.

Vs 7 'And of the angels he said, 'Who makes his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire'. That doesn't mean you have to scream and shout and try to burn the paint off the wall. It just means that you are of the same thing he is. If God is a flaming fire, a consuming fire, and if I am a part of that fire, guess what my DNA says? <u>FIRE</u>. I have to be the same thing He is. Now, it's not a consuming fire all the time because He can be a refiner's fire. But I have got to have fire. Jesus said, when I come to earth, if I come to set a fire what is it if it is already set? `Fan it, just fan it a little bit it will go.

Vs 8 'But unto the Son He said, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom'. Literally it says this: But to the Son He said, 'Thy throne'. What does the throne speak of? Leadership, or the place of authority. So when He says to His son, Thy throne, or your place of ruler ship is where? It's God, its just God. When I am in Him you have ruler ship, kingship, you have a place of authority in Him. So when you are seated in God, then you will have the same thought process, the mind of Christ, the mind of the Father. You'll make the same decisions. That is what he is trying to tell us. He says, 'forever and ever' literally unto the ages of ages.

Vs 9 'Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; ' you have got to love righteousness and hate iniquity. You know righteousness hurts sometimes. It hurts the flesh; it hurts the things we want to do. There's fire in it; it will burn it. 'Therefore (or through this) God, even your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness'. Through what? He loved righteousness and hated iniquity therefore thy God has anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. You see, He went through something. He had some fire didn't He; through the things He suffered He learned obedience. How are you going to learn obedience? Suffering. Now I don't mean for stupidity. I am not speaking about taking your motorcycle and running into a tree as someone was saying earlier today. I am speaking about doing what God says, that is obedience and then suffering for what God said to do. But you know we don't know what God said unless we have a witness of it. That's why there are so many problems in the church. People are going around saying, "God said, God said, God said." But I can't find the things that they say in this book or a reference to them. I have to know that God's word is my foundation. The word of God is a sure foundation. Paul said in Corinthians that Christ was that foundation that has already been laid, which is the word of God. So we have to know all of this, so when God speaks to us we don't have to go look into a book and say, `well now let me see if God said that before'. If I trust my spirit and I study this word, and put this word in my heart, and let it be written in my heart, then when someone says something contrary to that nature that He said we already have, what will I do? My spirit will say whoa, whoa, whoa, you will feel it in your spirit; you will know that that is not the nature of God. So you can reject it. You see you don't have to be able to say, well that's in chapter such and such and verse such and such. That has nothing to do with it. It is the nature of God in you and you being able to know it. It was like someone said here this morning.... they wanted to go ride the motorcycle but something in him told them to go do something else, and you did something else which was probably the right thing to do. You trusted that thing in you to guide you; and you didn't trust just anything. He said to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. It's that infallible guidance system; It is the Spirit of God in you, that He has placed within you that nature, character in you that is not contrary to what His book says. His book cannot contradict what He says, because this IS Him. And He said because of that 'he has anointed you with the oil of gladness. Well then our faces shouldn't look like a prune should it? What should our face look like? HIS. Sometimes I want to scream I get so excited, but I don't. I used to do that at times. When I was in the Methodist church I used to do that and it would scare them all. I would just let out a big yell. I couldn't contain myself I didn't know anything and I just had to release the things that were inside of me. It would shake them up a bit and they would say, "Brother Fields is getting a little spiritual today." It had nothing to do with me getting spiritual I was just expressing a way to release something out of me. I understand that they did not understand me. Do you know what I don't think anyone understood the prophets, or any of the men or women of the bible do you? They didn't feel what you feel inside. I'm not making myself any better than anyone else. I'm just saying the things that God has me go through. Sometimes I can't express it to you. I can't put it into words all I know is that there is a joy and a love in my heart that did not come from my natural thinking. There is nothing natural about what is in my heart. It's supernatural because it is not natural to love people that don't love you. It's not natural to love people that hurt you. It's not natural for a man to forgive people that do wrong to you. It's supernatural. It's not natural for a man to take his thinking process, which was hardheaded and stiff-necked, and take that and lay it aside and do whatever someone else says. That is not natural, that is super-natural. You can say anything you want to about me, but I know where it came from. Yes, I've got a teaching from someone, and it wasn't a man. It was from God; it was from the Spirit. By this book it says the Holy Spirit is our teacher. After we have been anointed with this gladness above our fellows, then someone should be able to see some joy in us and some gladness in us shouldn't they? We shouldn't walk around looking like a bunch of old prunes that came out of vinegar or something. We

should be happy, and people should say, 'Why are you so happy all the time? Well I can't help it!!!!

Vs 10 'And, you, Lord, in the beginning have laid the foundation of the earth;' What do you think the foundation of the earth is? It's the word of God. It's not some big rock that this earth is sitting on. The foundation of this earth is the word of God that He put in vour heart from the very beginning. There is the foundation of the earth because we are the earth. This is not a literal thing it's a parable. 'And the heavens are the works of your hands.' Do you think He is speaking about the stars? They're great, they're wonderful, but do you know what? I see you stars much more beautiful than the ones up in the sky. There is more beauty in the people that He created, the heavenlies, the mind of Christ. That is where the beauty is. The natural beauty, that's great. But it can't compare to the beauty, the silver, the gold and the diamonds that is in you. You have got to see this. 'They shall perish'. See all those natural things? Gold silver, diamonds, stars in the sky? They are going to perish. Do you know why they are going to perish? Because He said so; because God said so. 'But you remain', or you stay constant. He never changes; He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Malachi 3:6 says, 'I am the Lord, I change not, therefore you sons of Jacob are not consumed. Be thankful that God doesn't change.

Vs 11 and 12 'They shall perish; but you remain; and they all shall wax old as does a garment, and as a mantle or a covering you shall coil or fold them up and they shall be changed, literally the word is 'transformed'. Now who did the folding? God did the folding and they were transformed, 'metamorphosis'. That change is not an instant thing, but they begin to be changed. But you are the same. You exist yourself. (That you exist in yourself is what it should say.) So if you exist in yourself as God does, He needs nothing from the external to make Him God does He? Now, look at yourself, you should be from that seed within you, that Christ within you, you should be self sufficient in that. That doesn't mean you go and lock up by yourself. It means that everything that I need is supplied from within, from the Christ, not that I am isolated from anyone, but everything I need comes from inside, the Christ. If I come to a place where I feel that I have a lack of something, I could say 'I need something out of this one, I want that one. That is the piece I need in me and you can do the same thing. You can come along and say, well that's the same thing here, but I don't exactly see what I need so I can get it out of there. We can get it out of each other, because it's the same seed. It's the same DNA. Maybe I can't see it in myself, but I can see a part of you that is of Christ's nature that I can draw upon and I can partake of. That is why He is self-existent, He doesn't need anything else to make Him go, and we shouldn't either. 'And thy years shall not fail, or literally, stop.

Vs 13 'But to which of the angels said he at any time, sit on my right hand until I make, or literally, I place your enemies or your adversary under your foot "What is he really saying? Let me show you something: He said until I place your enemies, your adversaries, thy footstool for your feet. So who places your enemy under your feet? God. Whose battle is it? It's God's battle. I don't have to go out and do spiritual warfare. God is taking care of my enemies, and He said He is going to make my enemies (enemy is the word adversary) and this book says that your adversary is this mind right here (pointing to my head). So He is going to take my way of thinking and make it a footstool, or a place for my feet to rest. That means my lifestyle is no longer in labor, but it is in rest. How about a little peace? Now why is it in peace? It is not because of anything that I did, but because of what Father did, sending it here through the person of His Son, He took care of it. So now why do I have to labor? I don't have to struggle in that battle any longer. And then He clarifies it a little further and says,

Vs 14 'Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister through them, not for them, but through them. And it says, who shall be, and literally the language says, them who be about to be. Now let's read it that way. "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister through them or those who be about to be heirs of salvation or literally, 'soteria' deliverance. They are about to be heirs of His deliverance. So if I am about to be... he says this is the spiritual sent here to minister to me, because I am about to be or you are about to be delivered... an heir. I am going to receive it. An inheritance, an heir means that you inherit something. So if something is given to me, what did I do to get it? Nothing. The only thing that qualified me to get the inheritance is to be in the same bloodline. It is just being in the same bloodline. If He is my Father, then that is my blood isn't it? So if He has an inheritance for me, the only reason I get it is because of the inheritance rule, blood. If you read in a lot of people's wills, and I know that I had in my families past, certain things that they said in their wills... no adopted children, only blood relatives are in that line of inheritance, and they cut out a lot of people because of that. And they do that a lot today. So guess what? We have to realize that all these angels, these ministering spirits, are all sent forth to minister through them who shall be, or who are about to be, heirs of deliverance. That ought to make you happy. But you know what? We are now. It's the time of starting. And nothing happens like that in your walk with God. Show me one person in this book who just snapped their fingers and walked into the fullness of it. Even Jesus learned obedience through the things He suffered.

It's a process; so don't beat yourself up. Wait on God. It's His timing; it's not yours. It's all about what He has done; it's not about what you do. You will react to things

that God does. Sometimes you will react negative, and sometimes positive. And if that is the way you partake of it, you are eating from the wrong tree: The tree of knowledge of good and evil. Partake of the tree of life. If I do something wrong, I immediately go back and say what have I got to learn out of this thing. It was a mistake that God let me have, and God has given me this mistake for me to learn. Take it positively from the tree of God, the Tree of Life. Don't condemn yourself.

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