

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Hebrews Bible Study — Hebrews 1:1-7 Lesson #1

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Hebrews before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

Most Bible scholars say that the author of the book of Hebrews is unknown, although we know that ultimately it is the Holy Spirit who inspired ALL of the writers of the Bible, so it's not that important to know the individual who did the writing under the influence of God's Holy Spirit. My personal opinion is that it was Paul, but just not in his usual style of writing. It seems to be a general letter, not to a specific church, and aimed at Jewish believers, thus the name "Hebrews." Some of the Jewish believers in Jesus were getting discouraged by the persecution that was happening against Christians, and some wrongly thought they could go back to Judaism and doing sacrifices in the temple. The book of Hebrews shows us that the Old Testament sacrifices and laws were only a shadow of what God would bring to pass when the Messiah would come, and that these animal sacrifices were no longer accepted by God.

1-2 God, who at various times and in different 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**.

• **John 1:2-3** "_____ was in the beginning with God. All things were _____ Him, and without Him _____ was made that was made."

• **Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27** "In the beginning _____ created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the _____ of _____ was hovering over the face of the waters." "Then God said, 'Let _____ make man in _____ image, according to _____ likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. So God created man in _____ own _____; in the _____ of _____ created him; male and female _____ created them."

Definition: “Spoke in TIME PAST to the fathers by the PROPHETS” – All throughout the Old Testament, God sent prophets to speak to the Israelites, to give prophecies of the coming Messiah, and also to WARN them when they fell into idolatry and other sins.

• **1 Peter 1:10-11** "Of this salvation the _____ have inquired and searched diligently, who _____ of the _____ that would _____ to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the _____ of Christ who was in them was indicating when He _____ beforehand the _____ of _____ and the glories that would follow."

• **Acts 3:18-26** "But those things which God _____ by the mouth of all His _____, that the _____ would _____, He has thus fulfilled. Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was _____ to you _____, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has _____ by the _____ of all His holy _____ since the world _____. For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a _____ like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall come to pass that every soul who will not hear that _____ shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' Yes, and all the _____, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have _____"

_____, have also _____ these days.”

• **John 1:45** “The following day _____ wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found _____ of whom _____ in the _____, and also the _____, wrote — _____ of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

Definition: “When HE TESTIFIED beforehand the SUFFERINGS of CHRIST” – God prophesied in His word of the coming One, the Redeemer or Messiah, from the very beginning, after Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden (see Genesis 3:15). God used Moses and many other prophets during the time of the Old Testament, and they foretold (told what would happen in the future) of the Coming One. When I Peter 1:10-11 says, “**The PROPHETS have INQUIRED and SEARCHED diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you**” it means that if a person **diligently searched God’s word**, the Scriptures of the Old Testament, they could **see a picture of who, when and what** God would do in bringing the coming Messiah to save His people from their sins and from Satan.

• **Luke 24:27** “And beginning at _____ and all the _____, He expounded to them in all the _____ the things concerning _____.”

Definition: “ALL THINGS were MADE THROUGH HIM” — The Bible tells us over and over again that we WORSHIP ONE GOD, but that He exists in THREE PERSONS: the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Starting in the very first chapter of the Bible, God refers to Himself as “Us” and “Our,” then switches back to “His” and “He.” Compare Isaiah 48:12-16 with Rev. 1:8,11,17-18. The same One who “laid the foundation of the earth and stretched out the heavens” is also the One who “was DEAD and now I am ALIVE FOREVERMORE!!” Jesus Christ is the “Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” (Here are ALL THREE PERSONS of the GODHEAD mentioned together in the Old Testament!! Jesus is speaking, and He says that God and the Holy Spirit have SENT HIM).

• **Isaiah 48:12-13 & 16** “Listen to _____, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I am He, I am the _____, I am also the _____. Indeed My _____ has laid the _____ of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the _____.”

(Verse 16) “Come near to _____, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the _____; from the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord _____ and His _____ have sent _____.”

• **Revelation 1:8,11,17b-18** “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the _____, ‘Who is and who was and who is to come, the _____.’” (Verse 11) “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the _____ and the _____.’” (Verses 17b-18) “Do NOT be AFRAID; I am the _____ and the _____. I am He who lives, and was _____, and behold, I am _____ forevermore. Amen. And I have the Keys of Hades and of Death.”

3-5 **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, for to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten You.”? And again: “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son”?

• **Psalms 2:7** “I will declare the decree: the _____ has said to _____, ‘You are my _____, today I have _____ You.’”

Definition: “Who being the brightness of His GLORY and the EXPRESS IMAGE of His PERSON” – God said in the Old Testament Scriptures that He is the ONLY GOD and that He will NOT share His

glory with anyone else. Since Jesus says that He and the Father share the GLORY together, it means Jesus is GOD! **Jesus said that if you have seen Him you have seen the Father**, so that is what **“the EXPRESS IMAGE of His PERSON”** means. It’s like showing a photograph of someone and comparing it to the actual person - they look the same!

• **John 14:9** “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have _____ known _____, Philip? He who has _____ Me has _____ the _____; so how can you say, “Show us the _____”?’”

• **John 1:1** “In the _____ was the _____, and the _____ was with _____, and the _____ was _____.”

• **John 17:5** “And now, O Father, _____ Me together _____ Yourself, with the _____ which I [a/ways] had _____ You _____ the world was.”

• **I John 1:1-3** “That which was from the _____, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the _____ of life — the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was _____ the _____ and was manifested to us — that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

Definition: “The WORD”— This is another name or title for Jesus. The Greek word is **“Logos.”** The dictionary definition of Logos is “the divine wisdom manifest in the **creation, government and redemption of the world.**” In Greek philosophy, it meant the controlling principle of the universe, and was a term that was VERY FAMILIAR at the time John was writing his Gospel. **JESUS IS ALL OF THIS!!** He is the One who controls the universe, is all of the wisdom and revealed knowledge of God WRAPPED UP IN ONE PERSON!!

• **I John 5:20** “And we know that the _____ of _____ has come, and has given us an _____, that we may _____ Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the _____ and _____.”

• **Revelation 19:13** “He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His _____ is called The _____ of God.”

Definition: “So much BETTER than the ANGELS” – ANGELS should NOT be WORSHIPED, but Jesus did receive worship from people when He was on earth, and **Jesus receives worship from angels and redeemed people in heaven, because He is God.** Everywhere in the Bible, Old Testament and New Testament, we are told to ONLY WORSHIP GOD (Deut. 6:13), and yet **Jesus accepted worship over and over.** If Jesus were not TRULY God, He would not have accepted people’s worship. If Jesus were anything LESS than God, such as just a man, or an angel, He would have REFUSED to have people worship Him (see Rev. 22:8-9).

Revelation 5:12-14 “Saying with a loud voice: ‘Worthy is the Lamb (Jesus) who was _____ to _____ power and riches and wisdom, and strength and _____ and _____ and _____!’ And every _____ which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, ‘_____ and _____ and _____ and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the _____, forever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the twenty-four elders _____ down and _____ Him who lives _____ and _____.”

• **John 9:35-38** “Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you _____ in the _____ of _____?” He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him.” And Jesus said to him, “You have both _____ Him and it is _____ who is _____ with you.” Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he

_____ Him.”

6-7 But when **He again brings the FIRSTBORN into the world**, He says, **“Let all the angels of God worship Him.”** And of the angels He says, “Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.”

•**Romans 8:29** “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the _____ of His _____, that _____ might be the _____ among many _____.”

Definition: “He AGAIN brings the FIRSTBORN into the world” – “Firstborn” is one of the titles given to Jesus. It does NOT mean “first to be created” as some cults teach, because Jesus was NOT a created being, He is God in the flesh. The first time Jesus came “into the world” was His birth in Bethlehem. **When it says that God “AGAIN brings the FIRSTBORN” into the world, it is referring to Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. Jesus is the “firstborn from the dead” which means the first One of many, many who will be raised from the dead because of Him.**

•**Colossians 1:15 & 18** “He is the _____ of the invisible _____, the _____ over all creation.” “And He is the _____ of the body, the church, who is the beginning (origin, source), the _____ from the _____, that in all things He may have the preeminence (first place).”

Definition: “FIRSTBORN among many BRETHREN” — “Firstborn” is a title given to Jesus which indicates HIS POSITION. **Jesus is the only begotten Son, or UNIQUE Son of God**, in that He is the EXACT IMAGE of God. No one else can become a son of God in the same sense as Jesus (He was God in the flesh), but we become sons and daughters of God BY FAITH in Jesus (John 1:12), so in that sense **He is the first of many BRETHREN (brothers and sisters).**

•**Revelation 1:5** “And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the _____ from the _____, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and _____ us from our _____ in His own _____.”

Definition: “Let all the ANGELS of GOD WORSHIP Him” – Angels are SPIRIT BEINGS CREATED by GOD, actually created by Jesus Himself, so of course, **they WORSHIP Him. We are NOT supposed to worship angels**

•**Colossians 1:16** “For in _____ all things were _____, both in the _____ and on _____, visible and _____, whether thrones or dominions, or principalities or _____, _____ things were _____ by _____, and for Him.”

•**Revelation 22:8-9** “Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to _____ at the feet of the _____ who showed me these things. And he said to me, ‘Do _____ that’; I am a _____ of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book: _____.”

•**Colossians 2:18-19** “Let no one keep _____ you of your _____ by delighting in self-abasement and the _____ of _____, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his _____ mind.”