

Hebrews 9:13, 14:	For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENT

ANGELS, PRIESTS, THE SON

Memory Verse:	Hebrews 9:13 and 14	Lesson #1
Lesson Text:	Hebrews 1:4-14; Hebrews 2:1-18	2004

In the book of Hebrews we find there were some Jewish believers who were rejecting Christ and returning to Judaism. This was a serious matter for in so doing they were trodding under foot the Son of God and accounting the blood of the covenant an unholy thing. (Hebrews 10:29)

In Judaism, angels were held in the highest opinion and Jews associated them with God; the high priest was considered the apostle of God; and although fulfilled and abolished, Moses and the Law were still read and practiced.

Paul shows them the real purpose for angels and shows them who was now the high priest over the house of God.

I. What Paul Said About Angels.

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| A. | <u>Their names</u> (Only four mentioned in scripture) | |
| | 1. Lucifer. | Isa. 14:12; Ez. 28:11-17 |
| | 2. Michael. | Dan. 10:13; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7 |
| | 3. Gabriel. | Dan. 8:16; 9:21; Lk. 1:19 |
| | 4. Abaddon or Apollyon | Rev. 9:11 |
| B. | <u>Why These Are Not Excellent Names.</u> | Heb. 1:4-5 |
| | 1. Jesus received his name at birth - when he became God's son. Angels are created and therefore can never be his son. | Matt. 1:21 |
| | 2. Being the only begotten son he has inherited the entire universe. | Heb. 1:24 |
| | 3. Jesus humbled himself. He was immortal but became flesh and became obedient to the death of the cross. Because of this, God declared that every knee should bow to that name. This is something no angel has ever done. | Phil. 2:5-11 |
| | 4. Some angels fell and are chained in hell forever. The son was always obedient. | II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6 |
| C. | <u>They Are Ministering Spirits</u> | Heb. 1:7, 14; Ps. 104:4 |
| | 1. Sent forth to minister to heirs of salvation. | Acts 5:17-20; 12:1-11 |
| D. | <u>Their Words Never Fail.</u> | Heb. 2:1-2 |
| | 1. Anyone who refused to hear and obey were punished. | Ex. 19:10-25; Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19; Gen. 19:17-26 |

II. What Paul Said About The Son.

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| A. | God Has Appointed Him Heir Of All Things. | |
| | 1. He is God's spokesman. | Heb. 1:2; Jn. 7:15-18; 17:14 |
| | 2. The worlds were framed by Him (this means both creations). | Heb. 11:3; Gen. 1:1; Isa. 45:18; II Pet. 3:5-8 |
| B. | Brightness of His Glory (Power). | |
| | 1. Gr. - <u>apaugasma</u> - Reflection of the father's glory (splendor, beauty, honor). | |
| | 2. It means equality with the father. The miracles and signs were proof of it. However he was limited in power while on earth. | Jn. 5:18-21; Lu. 2:40, 52; Phil. 2:7; Jn. 8:28 |
| | 3. His full glory was restored. | Mt. 28:18 |
| C. | Express Image. | |
| | 1. Gr. <u>Charakter</u> - Exact expression, or impression. | |
| | 2. Jesus' behavior and mannerism was a carbon copy of his fathers. | |
| | 3. He must have had strong resemblance of Him. | |
| | 4. <u>Image</u> - Heb. <u>tselm</u> - shade, resemblance. It refers to <u>outward form</u> , not attributes. | Gen. 1:26 |

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5. Shape (Gr. eidōs) - External appearance. Men have heard God's voice as well. Jn. 5:37; Gen. 8:1-8; Ex. 24:9-11; Josh. 5:13-15; Jude 6:11-23
- D. Person (Gr. hypostasis)
1. That which constitutes deity in body, soul and spirit. Mt. 16:28; 17:1-9; II Pet. 1:16-18
 2. Jesus claimed equality with God eight times. Jn. 5:17-29
 3. Note the Jews recognized this in verse 18. Being God's son means he was also divine.
 4. We too are sons of God but we are not divine because we are adopted. Rom. 8:14-17
- III. Christ Purged Our Sins.
- A. The old covenant high priest. Heb. 9:1-15
1. Many gifts and sacrifices were used. Heb. 9:9
 2. Meats and drink offerings and divers washings and carnal ordinances were used in the rituals. Heb. 9:10
 3. The blood of bulls and goats and ashes of an heifer were used. Heb. 9:13
- IV. The New Covenant Priest.
- A. Two rituals were observed.
1. Water baptism. Mt. 28:18-20; Jn. 4:1-2; I Pet. 3:21
 2. Communion. (These rituals do not save the soul nor purify or cleanse the flesh). Lu. 22:14-20; I Cor. 11:23-34; Heb. 9:13
- B. The only ritual Christ performed. Heb. 9:11-12
1. He went into heaven in the tabernacle not made by the hands of man. Acts 1:9; Heb. 9:11; I Pet. 3:22
 2. He took his own blood and entered into the holy place to obtain eternal redemption. Heb. 9:12; Lev. 16:14
 3. His blood (faith in it) cleanses the soul and spirit.
 4. The blood of animals only purified the flesh of defilement.
 5. Jesus went immediately to heaven after his resurrection. Jn. 20:17
 6. Immortality consist of flesh and bones and blood. Lu. 24:36-43
 7. Christ became the high priest over the house of God. Heb. 9:11; 10:21
- V. Full Access To Heaven.
- A. Boldness (Gr. parrhesia) liberty. The saint of God has daily access to the holiest place in heaven. Heb. 10:19-23; Eph. 1:3, 14; Eph. 2:14-22
- B. It is called a new way because Christ was newly slain and because He is the way to God. Eph. 2:20
- C. With this new freedom we should draw near with an honest, earnest and sincere heart. Eph. 2:22
- D. The body sprinkled by the water of separation was under the law. Num. 19:2-10
- E. Bodies washed with pure water refer to actual cleanliness of body rather than baptism. Lev. 15:8-27; 17:15-16
- VI. Our Duty One To Another.
- A. Consider one another. Heb. 10:24-25; 3:13
 - B. Provoke unto love and good works. Heb. 10:24
 - C. Assemble ourselves together. Heb. 10:25
 - D. More and more exhort each other to be faithful as the day of Christ draws near. Heb. 10:25