

Disciple (8-15-26) "HEBREWS: Jesus Over Everything" CORE Questions

Read Hebrews 1:1–2:4

1. **Jesus is not simply another messenger from God—He is God's ultimate revelation.** Read Hebrews 1:1–4. The writer describes Jesus as the Son, heir of all things, Creator, radiance of God's glory, exact representation of His nature, sustainer of all things, and the One who made purification for sins. *Which of these descriptions of Jesus stands out to you most, and how does it challenge or deepen the way you see Him? Consider together: What happens to our faith when our view of Jesus becomes too small, ordinary, or familiar?*
2. **Hebrews 1 repeatedly declares that Jesus is "better" and "above" everything else.** Read Hebrews 1:5–14. The writer uses the Old Testament to show that even angels—powerful, glorious servants of God—are beneath the Son. Jesus alone is enthroned, eternal, Creator, King, and Lord. *What are some things in our lives that can subtly become elevated to a place that belongs only to Jesus? How does seeing Jesus as supreme over "all things" change the way we hold those things? Consider things like success, family, relationships, possessions, approval, politics, comfort, career, or even ministry.*
3. **Hebrews 2:1 gives the first warning of the book: "pay much closer attention . . . so that we do not drift away."** Interestingly, the danger described here isn't necessarily someone deliberately rejecting Jesus—it is drifting from Him. *What does spiritual drifting look like in everyday life, and why do you think it can happen so gradually that we barely recognize it? According to Hebrews 1, how might seeing Jesus more clearly help keep us from drifting? Consider the difference between simply trying harder to stay faithful and becoming increasingly captivated by the greatness of Jesus.*
4. **Hebrews 2:3 asks, "How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"** The writer doesn't say we have to openly reject salvation—he warns us about neglecting it. After everything Hebrews 1 has revealed about who Jesus is, the appropriate response is to treasure the salvation He has given us. *What is the difference between rejecting Jesus and neglecting Jesus? What might it look like for us to genuinely treasure our "great salvation" rather than simply becoming familiar with it? How could remembering both who Jesus is and what Jesus has done restore wonder, gratitude, worship, and obedience in us?*

Family Question: (Kid-friendly)

Read Hebrews 1:3 together. Hebrews tells us that Jesus shows us exactly what God is like. What are some things we learn about God when we look at Jesus? What is one thing about Jesus that makes you want to know, love, or worship Him more?

(Parents can help younger children think about Jesus' love, kindness, power, forgiveness, holiness, and His care for people.)