**Hebrews Bible Study**

1. **Notable Points:** 
   1. one of the earliest NT documents that explains Jesus’ person and work.
   2. Relies heavily on OT witness and characters.
   3. However, cites OT entirely in the LXX.
2. **Reading and Studying an Epistle: Do’s and Don’ts** 
   1. Do read it like you would read an email. I.e.: who is it written to? And who is it from? And what are they trying to say to their audience?
   2. Do read it in its entirety at least once.
   3. Do understand how the various parts relate to each other.
   4. Do look for the main, overarching point of the letter. What is it? Why did this author write this letter?
   5. Don’t expect to get something profound from every verse, until you understand the big picture of the entire letter.
3. **Some key themes to look for in Hebrews.**
   1. Who is Jesus? What did he do?
   2. How does Jesus fulfil and re-order all of the Old Testament?
   3. What does he have to do with the life of suffering and the life of faith?
4. **For our Study.**
   1. We will use the ESV and the KJV (why?).
   2. We will study the epistle section by section, and thereby build out the outline

**Hebrews 1**

**1:1-4: Prologue**

1-2a: God spoke through prophets ***vs*** God spoken through Son.

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*Who is this Son? [Who is this God?]*

2b: Appointed heir.

2c: through whom he created the World.

3a: radiance of God’s glory.

3b: exact imprint of God’s nature.

3c: he(?) upholds universe by the Word of his(?) power.

3d: made purification for sins.

3e: sat down on right hand of majesty on high.

4a: Better than angels.

4b: More excellent “name” than angels.

**1:5-2:1 Proof of this Son’s superiority from the OT**

*What are each of these various OT citations really speaking about?*

5a: Ps 2:7 (Coronation Psalm)

5b: II Sam 7:14 (God’s promises to David about his Son).

6: Dt 32:43 (A song of praise to YHWH)

7: Ps 104:4 (A creation psalm extolling YHWH)

8-9: Ps 45:6-7 (A psalm that unites God and Israel’s king)

10-12:Ps 102:25-27 (a psalm of YHWH’s authority)

13: Ps 110:1 (a coronation and priestly Psalm: YHWH said to my Adon)

14: Son (who saves) superior to angels (who minister to those to be saved)

**2:1: The point of Hebrews: do not disregard this salvation.**