CHAPTER

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The Son on the throne, above the angels

Hebrews 1:1–14 · Fourteen verses · Song: "Heir of Everything"

The picture: The Son seated on a high throne in light, angels bowing below him on both sides.



PICTURE WORD

Throne

THE CHAPTER IN BRIEF

God's last word is a Son, and the angels bow to him.

Remember it: ONE throne, ONE Son. Chapter 1 is the throne room.

MEMORY VERSE

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of his very being. He carries everything along by his powerful word. And after he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 1:3 · the author's translation

GREEK WORD

υἱῷ

"a Son" · verse 2

In Hebrews: 24 times, in 10 chapters

In 1:2 the word stands without "the": God has spoken "in a Son," in one who is Son, set against the prophets, who were servants. The whole chapter then rests on what God says to his Son and never said to any angel (1:5, 13). The Son is heir and maker of everything, and he sits on the throne.

HOW THE CHAPTER MOVES

1–2	God spoke through the prophets; now he has spoken in a Son.
3–4	The radiance of God's glory made purification for sins and sat down.
5–13	Seven Scriptures: the Son, not the angels, sits at God's right hand.
14	Angels are servants sent to help those who will inherit salvation.

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

v. 5 ← Ps 2:7 God calls the king his Son.

v. 5 ← 2 Sam 7:14 The promise to David's son.

v. 6 ← Deut 32:43 The angels told to worship him (Greek Old Testament).

v. 7 ← Ps 104:4 Angels are winds and flames: servants.

v. 8–9 ← Ps 45:6–7 The Son addressed as God, with a throne forever.

v. 10–12 ← Ps 102:25–27 The Lord who made the earth and remains.

v. 13 ← Ps 110:1 "Sit at my right hand."

Listen. Hear Hebrews 1 sung in the **Hebrews by Heart** app, or free at **ispress.de/hebrews/songs/1**.

The song: "Heir of Everything." Every verse of the chapter is sung.

The Son above the angels · God's final word · Creation and the end of all things · Purification and the seat at God's right hand

FILL IN THE BLANKS

God's last _____ is a _____, and the _____ bow to him.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. How did God speak long ago?

- (A) Only through angels
- (B) Through the prophets, many times and in many ways
- (C) Only through Moses
- (D) He did not speak

2. What did the Son do after he made purification for sins?

- (A) He went back to the prophets
- (B) He stood to serve
- (C) He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high
- (D) He became an angel

3. What are the angels?

- (A) Sons of God who rule the world
- (B) Ministering spirits sent out to serve
- (C) Equal to the Son
- (D) Prophets

TALK IT OVER

1. God spoke "many times and in many ways," but now "in a Son." What is different about a word that comes as a person?

2. Verse 3 says the Son "carries everything along." What does that change about how you face this week?

3. Why might it matter so much to the writer that Jesus is greater than the angels?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES HEBREWS 1 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say 1:3 by heart
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: word · Son · angels · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 1) · 2. C (v. 3) · 3. B (v. 14)