



Better (Hebrews)

Sermon Questions | 10.19.14

Opener

In light of October being Missions Emphasis Month, if you could go on a mission journey anywhere in the world, where would you go and what would you want to do? Bent Tree's missions strategy is four-fold: Crisis Response, Church Multiplication, Children at Risk and City Transformation.

Which aspect of the Missions Emphasis that has been shared over the past two weeks has impacted you the most?

What are some thoughts you are having about Faith Promise and the work God is doing in and through Bent Tree around the world?

Read

Hebrews 1:5-14

Psalms 45:1-8

Psalms 2:9

2 Samuel 7:16

Deuteronomy 32:43

Psalms 45:6

Psalms 110:1

Engaging with God in a Group

How would you answer the question: "How are you on the inside? How are you in your soul?" How would you describe who Jesus is to you?

Caricatures of Jesus that Pete spoke of were:

- Simply an effective teacher
- Simply a Revolutionary
- Simply a gentle and meek sheep hugger

- Simply an unfortunate martyr
- Simply a compassionate, benevolent advocate for the poor
- Simply an example to imitate

Is there one that you have gravitated toward in your faith-journey? Have you experienced a faith that Pete called “tentative”?

Read Hebrews 1:5-14.

- How is Jesus presented as “better” in this passage?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is in essence (by eternal nature) God’s Son?
- Why is it important that Jesus came in the flesh (by miraculous conception – the incarnation)?
- What encouragement do you have the Christ is presented in Hebrews 1 in glory (by enthronement – context is the enthronement of Jesus – Father – MY SON!)?
- Read Psalm 45:1-8. What does God say about the Son (Jesus)?

Take some time to read through:

- Psalm 2:9
- 2 Samuel 7:16
- Deuteronomy 32:43
- Psalm 45:6
- Psalm 110:1

Do you see the theme that runs through Hebrews 1 as well as through the Old Testament passages?

As incredible as angels are, they are not in charge! Jesus reigns, Jesus is in charge, Jesus delivers Justice, and Jesus wins! Worship him! How would your life be different this week if you really lived as if this was true?

Engaging with God Alone

Jesus is in charge; angels are not. Practically speaking, since Jesus is in charge, who is not charge in your own life? Can you imagine living under the reality that he is in charge of your life and you are not?

What would it look like if you viewed your thoughts as secondary to his thoughts? How might that impact your daily life?

Think through the reality that Jesus is victorious and better than the angels. Are you living in alignment with this reality or are you living as if this isn't true? How can you live in light of this truth?

Closing thoughts and prayer

End your time together worshiping the King of kings who sits on the throne!