

# HEBREWS

## Week 1 ~ God's Final Word

... WE MUST PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION ...

### INTRO

When in your life have you felt a dramatic change in your attitude or situation because someone took the time to encourage you?

The Gk work translated 'superior' is *kreitton*. It is one of the writer's favourite words.  
1:4; 6:9; 7:7,19,22; 8:6; 9:23; 10:34; 11:16,35,40; 12:24

### Hebrews 1:1-4

1. How do these opening verses answer the question of whether God is there?
2. In what two ways has God spoken to us?
3. vv.3-4 What does it mean to you that Jesus is described in these ways?
4. Why do you think these opening verses from Hebrews are often chosen to be read in churches on Christmas Day?

### Hebrews 1:5-12

*Jesus is compared to the angels.*

5. What evidence does the writer give for Jesus' superiority?

*Check out the passages the comparisons are from:*

- Psalm 2:7
- 2 Samuel 7:14
- Deuteronomy 32:43
- Psalm 104:4
- Psalm 45:6-7
- Psalm 102:25-27
- Psalm 110:1

*NB Psalms 2 and 110 are both major sources for NT teaching on the person and work of Jesus.*

6. In what ways do you find it hard following Jesus?  
How does this passage encourage you to keep going?

### Hebrews 2:1-4

7. What do we need to do and why?

8. Drifting away can be very subtle. What pressures might gradually take us away from what we have heard?

9. Are there any of your beliefs or behaviours in your life that are vulnerable to 'drift'?

### Prayer

Write a prayer based on Hebrews 1:1-4 expressing your gratitude to God for Jesus.  
Share this prayer with your group at the start of your prayer time together.