

SALEM HEIGHTS

THRIVING

IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

HOPE IS THE EAGER ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENT EXPECTATION
OF A FUTURE GUARANTEED BY GOD.

"Is there anything more important in life than getting correct who Jesus Christ truly is? The author of Hebrews, I am sure, would tell you, "no, there is nothing more important." Our hope in this life is tied to Jesus. Who He really is. Why the Father sent Him. What He truly accomplished on the cross. How everything fits together, past, present and future. Our hope for eternity hangs in the balance as to whether we have placed our faith in this One described in Hebrews chapter 1. The great thing about our "Thriving" passage for this week, is that it leads to the next 12 chapters of Hebrews, that clearly lay out, God's Son. May we all read Hebrews chapter 1 and be filled with hope and then may we all read the full 13 chapters and continue to grow in the fullness of our faith." - Pastor Matt

"Our risen and glorified Lord is himself our hope, because his triumph over sin and death provides the objective pledge of our final redemption." - Geoffrey B. Wilson

Hebrews 1

God's Final Word in His Son

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ²in these last days has spoken to us in *His* Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. ³And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become so much better than the angels, to the extent that He has inherited a more excellent name than they. ⁵For to which of the angels did He ever say,

"YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE FATHERED YOU"?

And again,

"I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM
AND HE WILL BE A SON TO ME"?

⁶And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

"AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

⁷And regarding the angels He says,

“HE MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,
AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.”

⁸ But regarding the Son *He says*,

“YOUR THRONE, GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER,
AND THE SCEPTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

⁹ YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS;
THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU
WITH THE OIL OF JOY ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.”

¹⁰ And, “YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH,
AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

¹¹ THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN;
AND THEY ALL WILL WEAR OUT LIKE A GARMENT,

¹² AND LIKE A ROBE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP;
LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED.
BUT YOU ARE THE SAME,

AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.”

¹³ But to which of the angels has He ever said,

“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES
A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET”?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to *provide* service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

1. What do you see about hope in this passage?
2. What does it teach us about God?
3. What does it teach us about man?
4. What should we do in light of this passage?