

# TAKING THE **WHOLE WORD** TO THE **WHOLE WORLD**

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# WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

## BETTER THAN ANGELS



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'Tis the season when we hear a lot about angels. They are amazing players in the Christmas story, appearing multiple times to deliver a message from God. But the message of Hebrews tells us that the Good News gets even better than that ...

*The Glory of Jesus,*

HIGHER THAN THE ANGELS

Jesus' mission in coming to earth included offering Himself as a perfect sacrifice for sin when He died on the cross. After doing that, He ascended to heaven, to return to His honored place at the Father's right hand where He controls the universe, holding all things together by the word of His command.



But it gets better! Something in heaven exists there now as reality that was not there in eternity past: The glory of Jesus is present in this exalted place, His nail-pierced hands and side—each reminders of His becoming flesh to purchase our salvation. His sitting down at the Father’s right hand shows us that the great work of redemption is complete—complete in Jesus.

This is the gospel. For this reason alone, this proves our Jesus is superior to angels. This was an important truth for the first readers of this letter, Jewish Christians, to embrace. Many had an over-fascination with angels, as well as being enamored with their spiritual heritage wrapped up in the Law of Moses, Abraham, and the prophets. They needed a fresh reminder that Jesus was all they needed.

Jesus Christ is the Son; angels are servants. Christ is King; angels are subjects. Christ is the Creator; angels are creatures. Christ at this moment is waiting until His enemies will be made His footstool. The Father never gave such a promise to an angel, but He says one day His Son will rule over everything.

Yet, that exalted state does not disqualify Him from being able to represent you and all of sinful humanity before a holy God. Though He is exalted, He became lowly in order to bring you back to God. No angel was ever subjected and made low enough to pay the penalty for all sinful humanity. Only Jesus willingly accepted that humble position when He became human (see Philippians 2:6-8). Only Jesus, not angels, was destined to rule over the future of the world (Hebrews 2:5), because He gave His life to save it.

Not only have angels not ruled in the past, they will not rule in the future. They have been servants and messengers in the past, and they will continue to be servants in the future. You have only to rehearse the refrains of the psalms to understand God’s perspective

of the wonder of Jesus’ humanity: “For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor” (Psalm 8:5).

God made man lower than the angels at creation. Psalm 8 makes it abundantly clear that humans were made lower than the angels. Yet, Jesus—the God-man, who is higher than the angels—willingly humbled Himself to a position lower than angels to bring about our redemption.

Ultimately, God’s purpose for humanity is to honor us and exalt us as displays of His amazing workmanship—His ultimate creative achievement. Though created beings, angels were never given that astounding distinction. In fact, the Bible teaches us that people who trust God in Jesus will one day be joint heirs with Him and join Him in ruling over all God’s universe for eternity. No angel was created for that purpose.

At the dawn of the New Testament, the story of Jesus begins with a visit to a humble servant named Joseph. One night in a dream, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in order to deliver to him a life-altering message from God: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:20-21).



*Jesus intercedes for you*

BEFORE THE FATHER’S THRONE.

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That's why Jesus was made a little lower than the angels. To become the Savior of the world. For that brief time He was on earth (33 years), He was made lower than the angels in order to fulfill the holy purposes of God.

He was made a little lower than angels in order to suffer and to die.

He was made a little lower than the angels in order to receive a crown of glory and honor.

He was made a little lower than the angels to redeem the world from sin.

He was made a little lower than the angels to lead us back to God in glory.

Today, Jesus reigns in glory and honor. Though in eternity past He existed as the second Person of the Godhead, because He humbled Himself in obedience to suffering and death on the cross God exalted Him, in human form, to the place of highest honor—where He now intercedes for you before the Father's throne. That's the good news of Hebrews.



## MY TURN

- ① For us, life can frequently feel out of control, but if Jesus truly holds the universe together by His word, how should that change the way we think about the things which overwhelm us?
- ② Why was it important that the readers of the book of Hebrews understand that Jesus was superior to angels?
- ③ It wasn't just that God sent His Son; Hebrews makes it clear that Jesus came at the right time. This is a great lesson for us. **How can you more fully rely on God's timing in your life?**

# G 2024

## 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW: SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE



**Gregg Harris**  
President, THRU the BIBLE

It is always a joy to look back over the year to see what God has done. We never tire of celebrating God's incredible faithfulness to His Word and to the fruitfulness of our humble efforts to get it to anyone on earth who wants it!

**Here are some highlights from 2024:**

### **OUR DIGITAL MINISTRY IS GROWING TREMENDOUSLY.**

We now have more than 60 language apps available to anyone in the world! Each app has the Bible and the THRU the BIBLE teaching available. These apps have already been downloaded in more than 200 countries, and we are thrilled to see people all over the world engaging with both Dr. McGee's teaching and the Bible in one place. Our plan is to develop more than 100 language apps to reach more people.

**Check out  
our full list of  
language apps—  
and get it in your  
preferred language—  
at [ttb.bible](https://ttb.bible).**



**THRU THE BIBLE HOME GROUPS ARE NOW IN AFRICA!** For years we prayed that God would help us develop this wonderful ministry model outside of the South Asia region. In March 2024, we held a training event with 65 pastors. Six months later, I visited Ethiopia to meet the leaders of this new ministry. They shared that we now have over 2,000 Home Groups functioning! Many people have come to faith through these weekly Bible studies and many more are being strengthened in their faith.

## **BIBLE COMPANIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

**IN PRINT.** Our team has carefully curated Dr. McGee's teaching into a format that is easy to read. We call them Bible Companions, and people love them! They contain study questions so you can use them for personal or group Bible study. This year we began to offer all of the New Testament Bible Companions in print.

Purchase the **New Testament Bible Companions** in print or download **FREE digital versions** here.



**FIRST MINISTRY PARTNERS CONFERENCE IN AFRICA.** THRU the BIBLE is expanding our network of ministry partners beyond the traditional broadcasting world. In March 2024, we gathered more than 70 leaders from 40 different ministries to share ideas for how best to work together to bring God's whole Word to Africa.

## **DEDICATION OF OUR NEW BUILDING: THE THRU THE BIBLE GATHERING PLACE.**

In March, over 70 people joined together to celebrate the opening of our new ministry center. Our small team of committed staff are now located literally all over the world! We bring them together in our new facility for strategic meetings to plan how to reach the whole world with the whole Word.

**COMPLETION OF THE 5-YEAR THRU THE BIBLE TURKISH SATELLITE-TV PROGRAM.** In October, it was my honor to meet with a team of more than 40 people who worked tirelessly to translate and produce a high-quality Turkish TV program aired on multiple networks.

**CONTINUED GROWTH IN NEW LANGUAGES.** Several new languages are in development, but not quite ready to be launched to the public. There is a great deal of behind the scenes work that needs to be done before we make a THRU the BIBLE language ministry available, and this year we have done a tremendous amount of work on a number of new languages. It will be our joy to share the specifics with you next year when these new languages go live!

Each year, our team and partners work tirelessly to offer the life-changing systematic Bible teaching of Dr. McGee to millions around the world who hunger and thirst to know God. **We couldn't do it without your faithful prayer and financial support!**



God has blessed THRU the BIBLE to take the whole Word to the whole world by pairing Dr. McGee's study programs with the Bible in hundreds of languages, featured in our apps and online platforms. This is made possible with global ministry partners like Biblica.com.



## CLINGING TO TRUTH IN MOROCCO

*Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!* –Acts 28:28

*“I am a Muslim, and I want a Bible. I want to know Jesus and Christianity,”* shared Ouissi from Morocco. Here’s more of his story: *“There is a kind of lightness in my heart and unspoken joy when I listen to the program and follow up through the Bible passages. Pray for me to cling to the truth, please.”*

Thank God for all those in the Middle East who are hearing His Word for the first time. As we pray for Ouissi, let’s also pray that THRU the BIBLE reaches more Muslims who are searching for truth. Ask God to open their hearts so they, too, can experience the joy and peace that come from encountering Jesus.

May the truth found in His Word be a beacon of light to those in spiritual darkness in Morocco and the Arab world—penetrating hearts and minds and bringing many to salvation.

As Acts 28:28 declares—*salvation has been sent, and they will hear it!*

This is an example of the email our World Prayer Team receives every weekday. Together, we travel the world on our knees, interceding for one country at a time. Join us in covering the entire earth with prayer every year.

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TO SIGN UP.**



# J E S U S I N

## Hebrews

WITH DR. J. VERNON MCGEE

### JESUS, EXALTED OVER ALL

The letter to the Hebrews shines as one of the brightest reflections of the wonder and superiority of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Jesus is exalted over all things—all religious figures past, present, and future—and exists as the sovereign Creator Lord of the universe who became human to lead us back to God.**

The opening theme of this grand letter rings with God's voice—having once thundered to the world through the prophets and preachers of old and in many varied and exciting ways, **God now speaks powerfully and with grace and mercy in the person of His Son, Jesus. He literally “spoke to us in Son.” We now have the last word from God to this world in Jesus Christ.** God, in effect, introduced His Son to the world and invites all of us to listen to Him (Matthew 17:5).

Jesus Christ remains superior to all the Old Testament writers, because all revelation fills up in Him. He fulfills all of the Old Testament, and He Himself gives God's final word to all of us. **Jesus Christ Himself made clear to His followers and all who heard Him teach that the same Holy Spirit that moved in the hearts and through the voices of the prophets would now receive from Him and make known to them God's final and comprehensive Word** (see John 16:12-15). Everything is wrapped up beautifully and comprehensively in all that He would do and say.

Jesus offers so much more than simply the mere spoken Word of God. He has been appointed by God the Father as the “heir of all things” (Hebrews 1:2). **Everything created, known and unknown, visible and invisible. All things in the seen and unseen universe belong to Jesus, God's Son, the final Word.** And not only does everything in the universe belong to Jesus, but everything was also created by Him, for Him, and through Him.



For more on Hebrews, get the **Hebrews Bible Companion**, available now for purchase or **free download here.**





## Good News. To All People.

We know them as “angels” and we hear a lot about them during the Christmas season. Every time they show up, they are on the job.

An angel’s primary occupation is as God’s messenger. They bring news from God.

In coming days, you no doubt will hear Luke 2:10 when angels said, “Behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be to all people.”

**Well, I’ve got some news for you, too. When you invest in THRU the BIBLE in taking the whole Word to the whole world, you are doing the same job as the angels.**

***Good news. To all people. Sound familiar?***

Angels model for us what it means “to proclaim.” Same word for “herald.” Same word for “preach.” The original word is *kérussó*, and it means to announce publicly and with great conviction.

**Sounds like what we’re doing every day.**

**The entire team at THRU the BIBLE joins me in celebrating this Good News of great joy. Together, let’s receive it, know it, and share it with the world.**

Grateful for your partnership in proclamation,



Gregg Harris  
THRU the BIBLE, President

# WHY STUDY HEBREWS?

Join in the studies on  
THRU the BIBLE NOVEMBER 22,  
2024-JANUARY 21, 2025  
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When the first readers of the letter to the Hebrews received it, they were leading desperate lives. Thirty years after Jesus ascended into heaven, first-century believers were disillusioned and discouraged. Because of their faith, many had lost their homes, loved ones, and some even lost their lives. They had turned to Jesus and were suffering for it. So the writer of Hebrews was building a bridge back to Jesus—a bridge over troubled, terrible, threatening waters.

**BUT WE WILL DISCOVER THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE BRIDGE FROM THIS LIFE (WHICH LEADS TO DEATH) TO ETERNAL LIFE.**

*And following Him is worth it.*

The letter to the Hebrews is one of the most important books of the New Testament ... a book of infinite logic and great beauty. *“To read it is to breathe the atmosphere of heaven itself. To study it is to partake of spiritual meat. To abide in its teachings is to be led from immaturity to maturity in the knowledge of truth and of Jesus Christ Himself.”*

—Dr. J. Vernon McGee, quoting E. Schuyler English



## HEBREWS TELLS US ABOUT:

- **GOD’S WORD** —————> Hebrews 4:12-13
- **FAITH** —————> Hebrews 11:1-6
- **ACCESS TO GOD** —————> Hebrews 4:16
- **ENDURANCE** —————> Hebrews 12:1-2
- **MONEY AND CONTENTMENT** —————> Hebrews 13:5
- **CHURCH** —————> Hebrews 10:24-25
- **JESUS** —————> Hebrews 13:8

## WHAT DOES FAITH LOOK LIKE IN A PERSON’S LIFE? Learn from Hebrews 11:

- **Abel offered** v. 4
- **Enoch pleased God** v. 5
- **Abraham followed** v. 8
- **Old Sarah had a baby** v. 11
- **Abraham trusted** v. 17-19
- **Isaac taught his sons** v. 20
- **Jacob taught his sons** v. 21
- **Joseph remembered** v. 22
- **Moses’ parents obeyed God** v. 23
- **Moses turned his back on Egypt** v. 24-29
- **Israelites trusted God for victory** v. 30
- **Rahab believed** v. 31





# P R A Y E R

## C H A L L E N G E S T O R I E S

### PRAYER CHALLENGE #4:

Ask God to lead people in crisis to the only source of life and peace—Jesus Christ—and, if possible, to use THRU the BIBLE to carry them through their faith journey.



### PRAYER CHALLENGE STORY

*"I have witnessed my family diligently practicing rituals. I too followed these rituals faithfully, for fear of the consequences of displeasing God. When my son fell ill, we sought medical help with no improvement. It was during this time I stumbled on a program that challenged my understanding of Jesus as merely a distant deity. The idea that Jesus could be a friend was new and intriguing to me.*

*"We began listening to you regularly and you systematically provided us with a clear understanding of the Bible. My son's health gradually improved, leading our entire family to embrace Christ. **Unlike the fear associated if we missed rituals, here we embraced Jesus with a deep sense of love and acceptance. His unconditional love and forgiveness transformed our lives.**" From Mastaram | Odia, India*

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**Calling 1-800-65-BIBLE:** We'll be happy to help you by phone before 5:00pm (PST) on December 31.

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For more information, give us a call at 1-800-65-BIBLE and select option 5 when prompted.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL INVESTMENT IN TAKING THE WHOLE WORD TO THE WHOLE WORLD IN 2024. ONLY ETERNITY WILL MEASURE YOUR IMPACT.**



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