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WHY FOCUS ON JESUS? Hebrews 1:5-2:5

3 Problems Hebrews addresses:

- We are in danger of drifting away from our faith in Jesus when distracted by other things. Hebrews 2:1
- We may cease to grow spiritually and become complacent if not learning from Jesus. Hebrews 5:11-14
- We may grow weary and lose heart from hardships and suffering if we are not focused on Jesus. Hebrews 12:3

5 Reasons why we should focus on Jesus Hebrews 1:5-14

The author reveals 5 qualities of Jesus' superiority to angels, based on Old Testament scriptures:

- **Jesus rules as the eternal son of God, proven at His resurrection.** Hebrews 1:5; Psalm 2:7; Acts 13:33
Therefore, you can trust in His power no matter the problems. Ephesians 1:15-23
- **Jesus will return to earth to be worshiped by His followers and angels.** Hebrews 1:6; Psalm 97:7
Hebrews 1:6 - *"And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."*
Therefore, you need to watch for Him and avoid distractions. 1 John 2:28-3:3
- **Jesus is reliably righteous; He consistently does what is right for you.** Hebrews 1:7-9; Psalm 45:6, 7; 104:4
Hebrews 1:8 - *"But of the Son He says, 'YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.'"*
Therefore, live for Him in righteousness. 1 Peter 1:14-16
- **Jesus will one day create a new heaven and a new earth.** Hebrews 1:10-12; Psalm 102:25-27; Col. 1:16-18
Hebrews 1:12 - *"and like a mantle 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."*
Therefore, have hope in Christ for He still rules. 2 Corinthians 4:14-16; 2 Peter 3:10-12
- **Jesus will give us victory over anything that oppresses us, even using His angels.** Hebrews 1:13-14; Psalm 110
Hebrews 1:13-14 - *"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'? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?"*
Therefore, have confidence in Him over fear, shame and anxiety.
Hebrews 10:32-36 vs. 35 - *"Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward"*
Hebrews 4:16 - *"Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need"*

THEREFORE:

- Do not let even good things in your life replace or distract you from the priority of Jesus.
- If you pay exceedingly close attention to these qualities of Jesus, you will not drift away and you will find victory over any oppression. Even possible miracles in your life. Hebrews 2:1-5

DIGGING DEEPER:

What things do you find distract you from staying focused and trusting in Jesus?

The author of Hebrews recognizes the challenge of life and how important it is to keep our eyes on Jesus. Using Old Testament passages, the author describes five qualities about Jesus that should cause us to stay close to Him.

In the outline on the first page, review each quality and reflect on the words underlined below each of the five qualities which should be our response. Read the verses after each response and reflect on what it is telling you to do so you can stay close to Jesus.

NEXT STEPS:

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