a study of the book of

HEBREWS

pressing on towards maturity

I. JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S FINAL WORD.

- A. The focus is on the Incarnate Son.
- B. The key issue is His present status at the right hand of God.

II. JESUS CHRIST IS BETTER THAN THE PROPHETS.

- A. Prophets' words
 - 1. Partial
 - 2. Preparatory
 - 3. Through servants
- B. Jesus as a revelation
 - 1. Full
 - 2. Final
 - 3. Through the Son

III. JESUS CHRIST IS SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS.

- A. Because He has inherited a more excellent name
 - 1. Angels powerful servants of God
 - 2. Jesus Christ Supreme Son of God
- B. The reason for this passage is not completely clear
 - 1. Relationship to the giving of the Word
 - 2. Relationship to the teaching on the Messiah

IV. Emphasis on Jesus Christ as the One seated at the right hand of the Father

- A. In the section on the prophets vss. 1-3
 - 1. Begins with the fact that the Son is the heir of all things
 - 2. Finishes with the fact that He is seated at the right hand of God
- B. In the section on the angels vss. 4-14
 - 1. Begins with the fact that He is the Son who is firstborn.
 - 2. Ends with the thought of Jesus seated and waiting for His enemies to be defeated finally.

V. Point of the passage for the Hebrews

- A. Jesus Christ has already won a victory.
- B. Right living demands that His victory is allowed to shape my reality.