

Approximately 35 minutes



Jesus Is Greater - The Supremacy of Christ

Hebrews Chapter 1

Opening Prayer:

Father God, in the name of Jesus, we thank You for Your holy Word. We thank You that You have spoken to us clearly and finally through Your Son. Open our hearts today. Remove distractions. Help us see Jesus more clearly, love Him more deeply, and trust Him more fully. Holy Spirit, teach us. Exalt Christ in this place. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.



Historical Setting:

The book of Hebrews was written to Jewish believers who were under intense pressure. Most scholars believe it was written before the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. The Temple was still standing. The sacrificial system was still functioning. Judaism was familiar, accepted, and protected under Roman law.

But Christianity? Christianity was costly.

These believers were facing persecution. Some were being rejected by family. Some were losing property. Some were tempted to drift back to Judaism because it felt safer. It felt familiar. It felt less controversial.

And so the author of Hebrews writes to say:

Don't go back. Don't drift. Don't downgrade Jesus.

He begins with a powerful declaration: Jesus is not just another prophet.



He is not just a messenger.
He is not even equal to angels.

He is greater.

And Hebrews chapter 1 establishes one foundational truth:

Jesus Christ is supreme...

At this time Let us read God's Word....

  (NIV) ***Hebrews Chapter 1:1-14 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So***

he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

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**“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father”?**
Or again,

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and he will be my Son”?**

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“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

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and his servants flames of fire.”**

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**“Your throne, O God, will last for ever
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a scepter of justice will be the scepter

of your kingdom.

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therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions

by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

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“In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth,

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

¹¹ They will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like a garment.

¹² You will roll them up like a robe;

like a garment they will be changed.

But you remain the same,

and your years will never end.”

¹³ To which of the angels did God ever say,

“Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet”?

14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Okay, let us drive deep into this and find out what God is telling us....

Verses 1 and 2.

A. God Has Spoken - Finally and Fully:



(NIV)

Hebrews 1:1-2 “In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...” (vv.1-2)

In the Old Testament, God spoke in many ways:

- Through prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah
- Through dreams like Joseph
- Through visions like Ezekiel

. Through the Law given to Moses

But those were partial revelations.

They were true but incomplete.

👉 Now listen carefully:

God's final word is not a book.

🔓 🔑 God's final word is a **Person**. The person is Jesus...



(NIV)

John chapter 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus is God's final revelation.

- You don't need a new prophet.
- You don't need a new covenant.
- You don't need a new message.

! You need Jesus.

We live in a world constantly chasing "new truth."



New spirituality.

New revelations.

👉 But Hebrews says God has already spoken fully.

And He spoke through **His Son, Jesus.**

B. Who Is This Son?

  (NIV) **Hebrews 1:2-3² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made**

the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

The author now gives seven breathtaking descriptions of Jesus.

1. Heir of All Things:

  Look closely in Verse 2...

  (NIV) **“...whom he appointed heir of all things...”** (v.2)

Everything belongs to Jesus.

History belongs to Him.

Creation belongs to Him.

Your life belongs to Him.

He is not running for King.

 He is the rightful King.



2. Creator of the Universe:

Now look at the last part of verse 2...

“...and through whom also he made the universe.” (v.2)

! Jesus was not created.

  He is Creator.

  (NIV) **John 1:3 says, Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.**

👉 The One who died on the cross is the One who spoke galaxies into existence.

That changes how we worship Him.

3. The Radiance of God’s Glory:

Verse 3....

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory...” (v.3)

Radiance means the shining out.

When you look at Jesus, you see the glory of God shining.

  If you want to know what God is like ... look at Jesus.

- How does God treat sinners? Look at Jesus with the woman caught in adultery.
- How does God respond to the broken? Look at Jesus touching lepers.
- How does God handle suffering? Look at Jesus at the cross.

Jesus is not a reflection He is the radiance.

4. The Exact Representation of His Being:

Verse 3 again...


“...the exact representation of his being...” (v.3)

The Greek word here carries the idea of an imprint like a stamp pressed into wax, or an image pressed onto a coin.

In other words, Jesus does not merely resemble God.

He does not simply remind us of God.

He does not just teach us about God.

 He perfectly reveals God because **He is God.**

When you look at Jesus, you are not seeing a lower version of God.

You are not seeing a created representative.

You are seeing the very nature, character, heart, holiness, mercy, power, and glory of God in human flesh.

That means everything Jesus said shows us what God says.

Everything Jesus did shows us what God does.

The compassion of Jesus is the compassion of God.

The holiness of Jesus is the holiness of God.

The authority of Jesus is the authority of God.

The mercy of Jesus is the mercy of God.

That is why Jesus could say in



(NIV)

John 14:9

“...Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father....”

So when people say, **“I like Jesus, but I’m not sure about God the Father,”** they misunderstand who Jesus is.

Jesus is not different from the Father in nature.

Jesus is not nicer than the Father.
Jesus is not trying to talk the Father into loving us.

👉 Jesus reveals the Father perfectly.

The same love you see in Jesus is the love of the Father.

The same mercy you see at the cross is the mercy of the Father.

The same desire to save sinners is the heart of the Father.

Jesus is not Plan B.
He is not a junior partner.
He is not less than God.

🔓 🗝️ He is fully God.

So when we worship Jesus, we are not committing idolatry.
We are giving Him the worship He deserves.

And brothers and sisters, this matters because your view of Jesus determines everything.

- If Jesus is only a teacher, you can take Him or leave Him.
- If Jesus is only an example, you can admire Him from a distance.
- If Jesus is only a prophet, you can compare Him with others.

But if Jesus is the exact representation of God's being...

- 👉 then He must be trusted.
- 👉 He must be worshiped.
- 👉 He must be obeyed.
- 👉 He must be Lord.

4. **Sustainer of All Things:**

Look at verse 3...

“...sustaining all things by his powerful word.” (v.3)

Right now ... Jesus is holding the universe together.

Colossians says in Him all things hold together.

The atoms obey Him.

Gravity obeys Him.

Time itself continues because He wills it.

And here's the comfort ... if He can sustain galaxies, He can sustain you.

5. Purifier of Sins:

Verse 3...

“After he had provided purification for sins...” (v.3)

This is the Gospel.

All the sacrifices in the Temple could never fully remove sin. They covered it temporarily.

But Jesus provided purification.

- Not partial cleansing.
- Not probation.

👉 Complete cleansing.

When He said on the cross...in the Gospel of John chapter 19 verse 30, **“....It is finished,....”** it was finished.

7. Seated at the Right Hand:

Look at the last part of verse 3....

“...he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.” (v.3)

Jewish priests never sat down in the Temple because their work was never done.

Jesus sat down.

The work is complete.

The sacrifice is accepted.

The victory is secured.

C. Jesus Is Greater Than Angels:

Here is God's Word...



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Hebrews 1:4-14 ⁴ **So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.**

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inherit salvation?***

Now the author addresses something very important.



In Jewish thought, angels were highly revered. They were seen as mediators of the Law. Powerful, glorious beings.

But the writer makes something crystal clear:

Jesus is not an angel. He is greater than angels. Verse 4...

  (NIV) **“So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.”** (v.4)

Then he asks... Verse 5...

  (NIV) **“For to which of the angels did God ever say, ‘You are my Son’?....”** (v.5)

The answer? None.

- Angels are servants.
- 👉 Jesus is Son.
- Angels worship.
- 👉 Jesus is worshiped.



Verse 6:

  (NIV) **“...Let all God’s angels worship him...”**

Angels do not receive worship.
They give worship to Christ.

D. The Eternal Throne of the Son:

Look at Verses 8-9...

  (NIV) **Hebrews 1:8-9** **“But about the Son he says, ‘Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever...’”**

Notice something powerful.

The Father calls the Son  God.

This is one of the clearest declarations of Christ’s deity in the New Testament.

Jesus is not a created being.
He is not a lesser divine being.

  He is eternally God.

And His throne lasts forever.

Empires rise and fall.

- Rome fell.
- Governments change.
- Markets crash.



But Christ reigns forever.

E. The Unchanging Creator:

Hebrews 1:10-12

  (NIV) **“...In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth...”**

Then verse 12:

  (NIV) **“...But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”**

Everything changes.

- Technology changes.
- Cultures shift.

- Bodies age.
- Emotions fluctuate.

But Jesus never changes.

- The same Savior who called fishermen.
- The same Savior who forgave Peter.
- The same Savior who rose from the grave.

He is the same today.

And that gives stability in a chaotic world.

Why This Matters:

The original readers were tempted to drift backward.

- The author says: Why go back to shadows when you have the substance?
- Why go back to angels when you have the Son?

- Why go back to partial revelation when you have the full revelation?

And brothers and sisters ... the same warning applies today.

- Don't downgrade Jesus.
- Don't reduce Him.
- Don't make Him one spiritual option among many.

He is supreme.

Invitation - Come to the Supreme Savior:

Now let me speak directly to anyone listening who has never been born again.

Hebrews 1 shows us who Jesus is:

- He is Creator.
- He is Sustainer.
- He is King.
- He is God.
- He is Purifier of sins.

But here is the question:

👉 Is He your Savior?

You can know theology and still be lost.
You can admire Jesus and still be separated from Him.

The Bible says we have all sinned.
Sin separates us from God.
But Jesus provided purification for sins.

- Not by good works.
- Not by religion.
- Not by heritage.

By His blood.

To be born again means:

- You turn from trusting yourself.
- You place your faith in Jesus alone.
- You confess Him as Lord.
- You receive His forgiveness.

If you have never done that, you can do it right now.

Right where you are.

Call out to Him.

 Let us Pray...

“Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner.... I believe You died for me and rose again.... Forgive me.... Cleanse me.... Be my Lord and Savior.... I surrender my life to You....” Amen.

“If” you prayed that sincerely, God hears you. His Word says that all who receive Him, all who believe in His name, become children of God.



(NIV)

John 1:12 “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

The One who sustains the universe will save your soul.

Closing Encouragement:

Brothers and Sisters, Hebrews chapter 1 is not just theology.

It is fuel for worship.

When trials come ... remember who He is.

When doubts come ... remember who He is.

When culture shifts ... remember who He is.

- He is greater.
- He is supreme.
- He is seated.
- He reigns.

And He is coming again.... Very Soon...



Closing Prayer:

Father God, we thank You for revealing Your Son in such glory and majesty. Forgive us for the times we have made Jesus smaller in our minds than He truly is. Lift our eyes again to see His supremacy. Strengthen those who are weary. Save those who are lost. Anchor us in the unchanging Christ. May our lives reflect His greatness.

We worship You, Lord Jesus ... Creator, King, and Savior.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

