HEBREWS: Jesus Is Supreme Jesus, God's Final Word Hebrews 1

Don't give up! Christ is better than anything or anyone you could choose!

Hebrews 1:1-14

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, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

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.

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

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, Let all God's angels worship him."

In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire." But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

He also says, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 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."

To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews 1:1

In the past **God spoke** to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways...

Hebrews 1:2a

...but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...

Hebrews 1:2b (NIV)

His Son...whom he appointed heir of all things...

1. Jesus is the heir of all things.

Hebrews 1:2c, 3c

His Son...through whom also he made the universe... sustaining all things by his powerful word.

- 2. Jesus created the universe.
- 3. Jesus sustains all things by His powerful word.
- 4. Jesus is the radiance of God's glory.

Hebrews 1:3a

The Son is the radiance of God's glory...

5. Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature.

Hebrews 1:3b

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being...

Colossians 1:15-17 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

6. Jesus fully provided for our salvation.

Hebrews 1:3d

After he had provided purification for sins...

Hebrews 1:3e

After he had provided purification for sins, *he sat down* at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

7. Jesus completed our salvation's work.

Christ is superior to all prophets, angels, and other spiritual authorities.

- 1. Prophets and angels gave God's word; Jesus was God's word.
- 2. Jesus offers a totally different kind of salvation.

Hebrews 2:1-4

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.