

Hebrews 1 Pt 1 vv 1-4

Jesus

- **Author:** Holy Spirit

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by **inspiration of God...**

- **Recipients:** Jews coming to Christ
- **Purpose:** A warning not to turn back
 1. Ceremonies
 2. Dietary Laws
 3. Temple Worship

All OT shadows of what was now fulfilled by Jesus

We find warnings about those who have tasted of the heavenly things, the kingdom to come, who have gone back and tried to offer sacrifices before the priests for sins again. **Yet there is no other sacrifice. Christ is the one, once and for all.** [Smith]

- **Hebrews begins w/two assumptions**

1. God Exists
2. God Speaks...

Hebrews 1:1-4 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

I. God's Supreme Revelation

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets...

God's Word makes no attempt to prove God's existence

Psalm 19: David. The **heavens declare the glory of God...**

Romans 1:20 ...since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are **clearly seen**, being understood by the **things that are made**, even His eternal power and Godhead

God spoke in the OT to the people through prophets
16 of which wrote Books of the OT

2 [God] ...has in these last days spoken to us **by His Son...**

Jesus first coming was God's final revelation to man in this dispensation
IOWs All we need to know for this time/place till heaven

2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power **has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness...**

Hebrews reveals Jesus as superior to all previous revelations of the Father

- **Ch 1-2:** Jesus revelation is superior to that of **angels**
- **Ch 3:** Jesus revelation is superior to that of **Moses** unable to bring them into the land
- **Ch 4:** Jesus revelation is superior to that of **Joshua** who could not give them rest
- **Ch 5-10:** Jesus revelation is superior to that of the **priests**. Jesus a better covenant

In the OT God spoke in many ways
In these last days God has spoken to us by His Son

Vv 2-3 Establishes who Jesus is w/7 Revelations

- **Jesus:**
 1. Heir of all things of the Father
 2. Through whom the Father made all things
 3. Glorious Brightness of the Father's glory
 4. Express Image of the Father
 5. Sustainer of all things by His Word
 6. He who alone purged our sins
 7. He who is at the right hand of the Father

2b... [Jesus] whom [the Father] has appointed **heir of all things...**

All that the Father has He gives to the Son...Even us His treasure Eph 1
All that the Son has He shares with us...His adopted siblings

Hebrews 2:11 ...both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason **He is not ashamed to call them brethren...**

God the Father has appointed Jesus heir of all things
Also to those [as Abraham] who are saved by Grace through faith

Romans 4:13 ...the promise that [Abraham] would be the **heir of the world** was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the **righteousness of faith.**

Romans 8:15 ...you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, "**Abba, Father.**" 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God**, 17 and **if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ** if indeed we suffer w/Him that we may also be glorified together.

Galatians 3:29 ...if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and **heirs** according to the promise.

Galatians 4:7 Therefore you are **no longer a slave but a son**, and if a son, then **an heir of God through Christ.**

Jesus is heir to all everything...We are co-heirs

Heirs of the incomprehensible riches/richness of God [c.f. Eph 1]

- **Jesus the Son of God:** Appointed heir of all things by the Father

2c [Jesus] ...through whom also He made the worlds...

God the Father Created the Universes through Jesus His Son

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.** 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**

- **Triune Creator:** One God/Three Persons. Apprehend not Comprehend
 1. **Father:** Spoke
 2. **Son:** Fashioned
 3. **Spirit:** Hovered over the deep

Eavesdrop on a Pre-Creation Conversation
Three Persons of the Godhead...

Genesis 1:26 ...God said, "**Let Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness... 27 So God created man in **His** [singular] own image; in the image of God He created **him**; male and female He created **them**."

Let **Us** make man in **Our** image according to **Our** [plural] likeness
So God created man in **His** [singular] own image.

One God. Three Persons. No apologies.

- Jesus: Heir
- Jesus: Creator

3 [Jesus] ...who being the brightness of His glory

Shekinah Glory of God...Jesus

- Light at Creation before the Sun
- Light that shown on Moses face
- Light illuminated the Most Holy Place
- Light from Jesus on Mt of Transfiguration
- Light knocked Paul down on road to Damascus
- Light of the New Jerusalem...

Jesus the Shekinah Glory of God

1 Timothy 6:15 ... [Jesus] ...who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, **dwelling in unapproachable light**, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

- Jesus: Heir
- Jesus: Creator

- Jesus: Brightness

3b [Jesus] ...and the **express image of His person**

- **Express image:** gr. *khar-ak-tare* the exact expression of any person or thing, marked likeness, precise reproduction in every respect

Jesus the Son is the Express Image of God the Father

John 14:9 He who has seen Me has seen the Father ...**11** Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me.

Jesus has always existed in perfect agreement/cooperation w/the Father

John 5:19 ...the Son can do nothing of Himself, **but what He sees the Father do;** for **whatever He does, the Son also does** in like manner. 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

Jesus is Worthy of Equal Worship as the Father

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but **he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?** He is antichrist who **denies the Father and the Son.** 23 Whoever denies the Son **does not have the Father either;** he who acknowledges the **Son has the Father also.** [Package deal]

2 John 1:9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the **doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.**

Hebrews reveals Jesus as superior over all previous revelations of God
More than men, angels, priests or prophets. Ch's 1-2 Over angels...

- Jesus: Heir
- Jesus: Creator
- Jesus: Brightness
- Jesus: Image

3c [Jesus] ...and **upholding** all things by the **word of His power**

Jesus Created All Things by His Word

Colossians 1:15 He is the **image of the invisible God,** the **firstborn over all creation.** 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Jesus Sustains of all things by His Word

2 Peter 3:10 ...the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the **elements will melt with fervent heat;** both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the

heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth** in which righteousness dwells.

Jesus is the glue that holds all atoms/elements together

God created everything out of nothing through the power of His Word. Jesus is the very Word of God Himself. With His word, Jesus speaks life/power into all things—nothing can exist or survive outside of His word/power. Imagine Jesus as the “pillars” that hold up the entire “house” of the universe. Take away the pillars and the entire house crumbles beneath itself. Were Jesus not holding up all creation everything would crumble beneath itself. [Got Q's]

- Jesus: Heir
- Jesus: Creator
- Jesus: Brightness
- Jesus: Image
- Jesus: Sustainer

3d [Jesus] ...who by Himself purged our sins

This Jesus left all to step out of eternity, into time, and onto earth
This Jesus came to purge our sins...By Himself

After Jesus was tempted by the devil the angels came and ministered unto Him. In the Garden of Gethsemane the angels ministered unto Him. But when He was upon the cross, there were no angels ministering to Him. That was a task He had to accomplish by Himself... Jesus, in making atonement for us, had to go it alone. No angels to comfort or help Him there, but alone He bore our sin and our guilt and died in our place. He made atonement for you and for me. And so, *"had by himself purged our sins."* [Smith]

My God My God why have You forsaken Me?

Hebrews 12:1b ...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and finisher of our faith, who **for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

- Vv 2-3: & Revelations of who Jesus is
 1. Heir of the Father
 2. Creator w/the Father
 3. Brightness of the Father
 4. Image of the Father
 5. Sustainer of all things
 6. Purger of our sins
 7. Ruling with the Father

3e [Jesus] ...who sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

It is Finished
No more sacrifices necessary. Not one. Not ever.

Hebrews 7:27 [Jesus]...does not need daily as those high priests to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for **this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.**

The high-priest offered daily sacrifices for the people/himself
Jesus never sinned/Offered *His life* as a sacrifice for *our sins*

2 Corinthians 5:21 He [God the Father] made Him [Jesus] **who knew no sin to be sin** for us, that we might **become the righteousness** of God in Him.

1 Peter 2:22 [Jesus] **"Who committed no sin**, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 **who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree**, that we, having died to sins, might **live for righteousness...**

Jesus came to earth and finished the work of our Salvation
He now sits at the right-hand of the Father

4 ...having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a **more excellent name** than they.

So much better than angels?
Context...A far superior Revelation of the Father than angels can reveal

Philippians 2:8b ...He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess **that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the **glory of God the Father.**

Jesus Incarnation perfectly declares the Father's Heart

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth ...16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The **only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.**

- Jesus incarnation declared the Father's heart
 - 1. Desire for relationship
 - 2. Hatred of sin/Love for man
 - 3. Eternal plan of Redemption
 - 4. Sacrificial Love/Rich Mercy
 - 5. Patience/Kindness/Compassion for us...

Mark 1:40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, **"I am willing; be cleansed."** 42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

Summary vv1-4: Jews venerated angels AND Law appointed by angels

Acts 7:53 [Jews] received the law by the **direction of angels** and have not kept it.

Galatians 3:19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was **appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.**

The Law was delivered to Moses on Mount Sinai by the hands of angels. Angels were the “go-between” or mediator for Moses when he received the Law from God. [Guzik]

Hebrew begins to establish the superiority of Jesus revelation of the Grace of God
Far above the angels revelation of the Law of God

Jesus revelation of the Father’s heart is perfect/exact
It is impossible to exalt Jesus too high [NJC]