

## Hebrews Chapter 1

### Prologue – 1:1-4

*Many portions* – Different disclosures over time, but never the complete revelation.

*Many ways* – Visions, dreams, angels, events, face to face, in whispers...

*These last days* – The last days began with the coming of Christ.

*God has spoken to us in His Son* – The final masterpiece, not in portions but complete!

*Heir of all things* – Jesus will rule over all things!

*Through Whom also He made the world* – The word “world” is the Greek word *aion* which means “ages.” The emphasis is that the Son made and directs creation to bring about His Kingdom.

*He is the radiance of His glory* – Not reflection, but out-shining.

*The exact representation of His nature* – Jesus perfectly revealed what God is like.

*He upholds all things by the word of His power* – Jesus holds the universe together as He directs it toward His kingdom.

*Purification for sins* – The first mention of Jesus as God’s priest. The implication is that it is complete!

*He sat down...* - Indicating the Priest-King had finished His work. Note Hebrews 10:12, 12:2, and Revelation 2:21.

*Better than the angels* – This sets the stage for the rest of the chapter where Christ is shown to be superior to the angels.

*He has inherited a more excellent name than they* – One’s name in the ancient world often described his or her character. No angel ever received the name “the Son of God.”

### God’s King-Son – 1:5-14

*Thou art My Son* – A quotation from 2 Samuel 7:14. Jesus is the eternal Son of God but also became a son of the Davidic line when He became a man.

*When He again brings the first-born into the world* – A reference to the second coming of the King.

*Let the angels of God worship Him* – A quote from Psalm 97:7.

The Son Has a More Excellent Name than the Angels			
<b>Nature</b>	The Son	The Angels	Verses
<b>Position</b>	The First-born Son-King	Servant Worshippers	5-6
<b>Person</b>	The Unchanging God	Changing Ministers	7-9
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*God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy companions* – The Greek word for companion is *metochoi* which translates companion, partner, or partaker. It describes those who participate in the same event or experience.

*metochoi* is used six times in the New Testament.

Luke 5:7 – Describing Simon, James and John as business partners.

Hebrews 1:9 – *companions* with Christ...

Hebrews 3:1 – *partakers* of the Heavenly calling...

Hebrews 3:14 – *partakers* of Christ...

Hebrews 6:4 – *partakers* of the Holy Spirit...

Hebrews 12:8 – *partakers* of discipline...

The Son is the Immutable Creator (10-12) – The unchanging, eternal Creator-King will remake this universe and rule the new one forever!

The Son is the Waiting Victor (13-14) – Angels are ministering spirits but the Son sits at the right hand of God waiting to return and begin His rule.

*Ministering spirits* – The role of angels is to minister for our sake in the spiritual realm. They are God’s servants who assist us to faithfully persevere.

*Those who will inherit salvation* – This salvation is not eternal salvation (justification) but future inheritance in the millennial kingdom of the Son.

There is a difference between being in the kingdom and being great in the kingdom (Revelation 2:26-27, Revelation 3:21, 2 Timothy 2:12).