

HEBREWS

BETTER THAN



BACKGROUND

- Author: Uncertain, Paul
- Date: Between 63 and 68 A.D.
- Trying to wean Hebrew Christians from Judaism.

HEBREWS 7:19

¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

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FIVE DIVISIONS

- The Proposition
- Four Proofs:
 - Christ is better than the prophets.
 - Christ is better than the angels.
 - Christ is better than Moses.
 - Christ is better than Aaron, and all the other high priest.

THE PROPOSITION

- The majesty and preeminence of Christ.

HEBREWS 1:1-3

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

THE PROPOSITION

- **Many times:** Polymerōs - means to give portions of revelation at different times.
- **Many ways:** Polytropōs - revelations were given by the prophets, by angels, different visions and dreams through the law and by different teachings, with varying degrees of clarity, some through different shadows, types, and figures.

IN THE LAST DAYS:

- Reminds his readers that they are in the last days.
- No other dispensation will follow these days.

Habakkuk 2:14 AMP

But [the time is coming when] the earth shall be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea.

TRUTHS:

- God is speaking through his Son.
- Jesus is the Heir of all things.
- God created the world through Jesus.
- Jesus is the radiance of God.
- John 14:9 —... Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

TRUTHS:

- Jesus is the imprint of God's nature.
- Jesus is the sustainer of the world.
- Jesus made atonement for the sin of the world.

HEBREWS 1:4-6

Having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

HEBREWS 1:7-9

Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

HEBREWS 1:10-12

And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

HEBREWS 1:13-14

And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

JOHN PIPER

“In Romans 1:4, Paul says that Christ was “declared the son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead.” He has always been the Son of God, just like he has always been heir of all things. But when he had made purification for sins and triumphed over death and Satan, Christ was declared to be the Son of God and heir of all things on a new basis, and in a new way.

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Now, he reigns as the God-man Jesus Christ—the son of God not only by his eternal right, but now, by the right of his victory over sin and death. He is the Son of God in manifest power, because of the resurrection. I heard it said before that if you look at the nature of Jesus—humiliated himself unto the cross—a voluntary act. And because he did it he now sits at the right hand of the father.”

RECAP

Jesus is majestic and preeminent.

Jesus is greater than the prophets.

Jesus is greater than the angels.

Jesus is better than the old.

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