



## Lesson 3

**Title:** Christ Is Superior to the Prophets

**Scripture:** Hebrews 1:2-3

### Not for Lazy Disciples

#### The Theme of Hebrews

- The SUPERIORITY or PREEMINENCE of Jesus the Christ. (Colossians 1:18)
- He was BETTER than anything or anyone before Him.
- He is revealed as a BETTER prophet than MOSES, a BETTER High Priest than Aaron, a BETTER King than David.

### Jesus the Christ Is Superior Over the Prophets

#### The GOD Spoke in the Past (Hebrews 1:1)

- **ὁ** θεὸς “the God” – the DEFINITE ARTICLE is placed before the noun “theos” to distinguish “the God” from all other gods.
  - There is no god besides the God of the Bible. (Isaiah 45:5-6, 14, 18, 21, 22; 44:6, 8; 46:9; Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; 32:39)
  - **ONLY the GOD, as revealed by Himself, of the Bible saves.** (Isaiah 45:22; Acts 4:12)
- GOD spoke His will to His people. SEE Matthew 7:21; 12:50; **John 9:31 with 1 John 3:22.**

#### To KNOW Christ

- Paul’s greatest desire (Philip. 3:8-10)
- This is eternal life. (John 17:3)
- We are commanded to **grow** in our knowledge of Christ. (2 Peter 3:18)
- We can **know** Him as **GOD!** (1 John 5:20)



- We want to **KNOW** Him **intimately**. (Meditate on Isaiah 6:1 and Job 42:5)
- **WARNING:** Do you know a **FALSE CHRIST** or the **REAL CHRIST?** (Matthew 24:5, 24; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
- Without **KNOWING** Christ (as Scripture reveals; John 7:38) you cannot love Him or worship Him.

## **THE GOD Has Spoken IN His SON** (Hebrews 1:2)

- GOD was IN the Christ. (John 1:1; Colossians 2:9; 1 Timothy 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:19)
- (John 10:30) “The Father and I are One.”
- (John 7:16-17) “My doctrine is not Min, but His who sent Me.”  
See John 17:8, 14
- **WHEN THE CHRIST SPOKE GOD SPOKE!**
- The CHRIST is the WORD of God.
- The “WORD” —
  - ① “Clothes” of a thought.
  - ② Means of communicating a thought.
  - ③ Expression of Oneself (Matthew 12:37)
  - ④ Words are composed of letters. (Revelation 1:11)
  - ⑤ Christ is the EXPRESSION of God. (John 14:9; 7:16; 12:48-50)
  - ⑥ Christ is the “Word of LIFE” (1 John 1:1)
  - ⑦ His name is the “Word of GOD.” (Revelation 19:13)
- Reject Christ (God’s expression of Himself) and you reject GOD!  
**Consider carefully** – John 5:23; 8:19; 10:30; 15:23-24; Luke 10:16; 1 John 2:22-23; 2 John 9; 1 John 5:10; **1 Corinthians 16:22**

## **Who Is This Christ?** (v. 3)

- ① He is the HEIR of ALL THINGS
- ② He is the CREATOR of ALL Things
- ③ He is the BRIGHTNESS of His Glory
- ④ He is the EXACT Image of God
- ⑤ He UPHOLDS All Things
- ⑥ He PUTS AWAY our Sins
- ⑦ He is EXALTED to the HIGHEST of Positions



## Are YOU Listening?

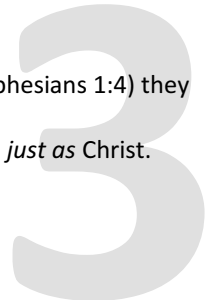
- God deliberately and purposefully communicated to man.
- God took upon Himself human flesh to communicate to man.
- If God has done this, then, He expects all men to HEAR Him.
- Man is to LIVE on EVERY WORD that comes from the mouth of God.  
(Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4)

## Appointed: Heir of All Things (Hebrews 1:2)

- “HE” – that is “*the* God” of verse 1. The highest authority in all the universe.
- “HE” also appointed Christ to suffering. (Isaiah 53:10; Acts 2:23; 3:18; 4:28; Luke 22:37; Zechariah 13:7; Romans 8:32; 1 John 4:9)
- “HE” also appointed Jesus LORD and the Christ (Messiah). (Acts 2:36; 10:36 – He is Lord of ALL!)
- Paul shows us that LORD and HEIR are similar (really one in the same).  
(Galatians 4:1) (Owner, master of affairs)
- The title HEIR suggests: dignity and dominion.
- The HEIR is the successor of the father in all things.
- Christ is the HEIR of **ALL** things, therefore, He is the owner and disposer of **all** things.
  - Air, water, land, persons, animals, bacteria, angels, demons, Satan,, all that is political, armies, might, weather, disease, health, wealth, poverty, hearts of men, wills of men, minds of men, good, evil, life, death, nations, rulers, drought, famine, plentifulness, the destiny of all men, etc., etc..
- (Matthew 28:18) “All power (authority) is given (appointed) unto Me in heaven and earth.” Just as it was written Psalm 2:7-8; Daniel 7:13-14.
  - “All things” – see John 13:3; 16:15; **JOHN 17:2**.
- (Hebrews 12:2) For this He was endured the Cross!
- **BECAUSE HE IS THE HEIR OF ALL THINGS HE CAN DO ALL THAT HE HAS PROMISED!!!!** Consider Matthew 5:3-12.

## We Are Joint Heirs! (Romans 8:17)

- Because His people (Matthew 1:21) are “in Him” (Ephesians 1:4) they are **JOINT-HEIRS** (equal heirs) with Christ.
  - We (truly born-again believers) are heirs of God *just as* Christ.  
(John 17:22)



- Just as God has given a kingdom to His Son (Daniel 7:13-14); the Son has given us a kingdom (Luke 22:29)
- READ CAREFULLY the qualification of being an heir! ***“if we suffer with Him . . .”*** *As the Head was appointed to suffering and glorification (Hebrews 2:9), so is the Body!*
- See Acts 14:22; Philippians 1:29; John 15:20

### **DECISION: To Reject or “Kiss” the Heir**

- Contrast Matthew 21:33-44 and Psalm 2:11.

