



Lesson 6

Title: Christ is Superior to the Prophets (continued)

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)

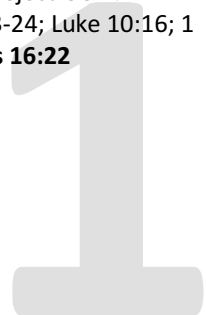
- **ὁ** θεὸς “the God” – the DEFINITE ARTICLE is placed before the noun “theos” to distinguish “the God” from all other gods.
- God has revealed Himself and His will.

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

- 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**

Sevenfold Superiority of Christ (vv. 2-3)

- ❶ He is the HEIR of ALL THINGS
- ❷ He is the CREATOR of ALL Things
- ❸ He is the BRIGHTNESS of His Glory
- ❹ 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

To KNOW the TRUE Christ

- We KNOW that CHRIST is GOD! (1 John 5:20)
- This KNOWLEDGE is GIVING to US as a gift of GRACE! (Matt. 16:15-17)
- **KNOWING GOD** has eternal consequences! See 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.
- The ONLY way to KNOW God is to READ, STUDY and MEDITATE on His revelation of Himself – the Bible. To be IGNORANT of the BIBLE is to be IGNORANT of GOD.

HE IS GOD!

He UPHOLDS All Things

- One author has said, “**EVERY** breath we breathe is a gift from GOD, **EVERY** bite of food we eat is given to us from His hand, **EVERY** day we live is determined by Him.”
- The universe (meditate on what this is) is HELD together by the word of His power!
- The word of His power is demonstrated in Genesis 1:3 when He speaks, “Let there be light.” See Psalm 33:6, 9
- **NOTHING – NOTHING – NOTHING** exists without Him upholding it or them!
- Meditate on this!!

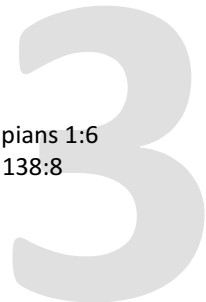
He UPHOLDS All Things (Colossians 1:15-17)

- Things which are VISIBLE were CREATED and SUSTAINED by Him.
 - ALL things VISIBLE to the naked eye, with the aid of a telescope, with the aid of a microscope.
 - ALL things VISIBLE but not visible to man – the edge of the universe (that cannot be measured – Jeremiah 31:37); the depths of the seas; the foundations of the earth; the structure of amino acids; the inner structures of DNA, etc. – all are SUSTAINED by HIM.
- ALL things that are INVISIBLE.
 - Angels (elect and non-elect [fallen]) – to include Satan himself.

- THRONES, DOMINIONS, PRINCIPALITIES, POWERS
 - Christ sustains governments and nations – in fact, nations are less than nothing compared to Him. Isaiah 40:15, 17.
 - Christ CONTROLS the HEART (mind and will) of leaders. (Prov. 21:1)
 - Christ raises up nations, destroys nations, strengthen nations, weakens nations and moves nations to fulfill the counsel of His will.
 - Christ REIGNS over ALL the kingdoms of the nations. 2 Chron. 20:6.
- ALL things – GOOD and EVIL. Prov 16:4; Isaiah 45:7; Lam 3:37-38; Job 1:21; 2:10.
- ALL things – every human being
 - Before each person is born God has determined his/her days. (Job 7:1; 14:15; Psalm 31:15)
 - Each day is planned out. Psalm 139:16.
 - He forms each man/woman in the womb – deeper than the DNA! (Psalm 139:13-15; Exodus 4:11)
 - He gives life and breath to all. Acts 17:25.
 - In Him everyone “lives and moves and have our **being**.” Acts 17:28
 - He has determined each of our purposes here on earth. Romans 9:17; Jeremiah 1:5; Galatians 1:15; Isaiah 44:28; Ephesians 2:10.
 - He and He alone decides if I live or die tomorrow (or tonight!). James 4:13-16; Lamentations 3:37. To boast of my plans tomorrow without taking into consideration GOD’s control is EVIL – SIN!
 - He has decided my DESTINY! (Daniel 5:23; Proverbs 16:9; 20:24; Jeremiah 10:23; Ephesians 1:4-5; Romans 9:15-16, 18, 20-24)

God UPHOLDS Me!

- God created me! Psalm 139:1-16
- God saved me! (Ephesians 2:1-6)
- God has work for me to do. Ephesians 2:10
- God started the work and HE will complete it. Philippians 1:6
- God will PERFECT everything concerning me! Psalm 138:8



Only TWO Responses

① Thoughts of “THIS” God will cause some to TREMBLE. **But this is GOOD because it is to those who fear Him He will come close to and guide!** (Isaiah 66:1-2)

OR

② Thoughts of “THIS” God will cause some to be HARDENED. You may cry out with others in saying, “Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us!” (Psalm 2:2-3) God will only LAUGH at you. (Psa. 2:4) God calls you a FOOL. (Psalm 14:1)!

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