



Lesson 7

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 θεός “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.

Sevenfold Superiority of Christ (vv. 2-3)

- 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

The GIFT of KNOWING

- God’s greatest GIFT to His children is the GIFT of KNOWING Him
- One CANNOT know God by the wisdom of the world. (1 Corinthians 1:21; 2:6-7, 14; 3:19)
- God **CHOOSES** who will know Him! (Matthew 11:27) – **THEREFORE, IT IS A GIFT TO KNOW GOD!** (See Romans 6:23; John 17:3)

HE IS GOD!

The Purger of Our Sins (Hebrews 1:3)

- Why did the Heir of all things, the Creator of all things, and the Upholder of all things come to this SPECK in the universe?
 - Did He come to teach us? Yes, but that was not His primary purpose!
 - Did He come to leave us an example to follow? Yes, but this, too, was not His primary purpose!
 - Did He come to make salvation possible for all men? Scripture is clear that his was **NOT** His purpose!!
 - The angel announced, “. . . His name shall be called JESUS, for He **will save** HIS people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21; Isa. 53:8)
 - He, Himself, said, “. . . the Son of Man came . . . to give His life for a ransom for **many**.” (Matthew 20:28; Isaiah 53:11,12; Heb. 9:28)
 - He came for those whom the Father had given Him to die for. (John 6:37-39; 17:2, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12)
- **HE CAME TO PURGE HIS PEOPLE OF OUR SINS!**
 - He came to SEEK, FIND, and SAVE ME! (Luke 15:4; 19:10; Ezekiel 34:11-16)
 - He came to those who were His **ENEMIES!** (Romans 5:10)
 - He came to those who were **TRANSGRESSORS** against His Law. (Romans 5:8; Isaiah 44:22)
 - He came to those who had **NO POWER (ability)** to save themselves. (Romans 5:6)
 - He came to those who were **NOT SEEKING** Him! (Romans 3:11; Isaiah 65:1)
 - He came to save those who were **UNDESERVING** of His mercy and grace. (Ephesians 1:6-8; 2:4-10)

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Why Did He Come to Save His People?

- Was it for their sakes? **NO – NO – NO!**
- What do the Scriptures say?
 - He blotted out our sins **for His own sake!** (Isaiah 43:25)
 - He cleansed us, gave us a new heart, and gave us His Spirit **for His own sake!** Ezekiel 36:22, 32!
 - He purged our sins for HIS GLORY! (Ephesians 1:6; 12, 14; 2:7)

He, Himself, Did It! (Hebrews 1:3)

- The “to make purification” is in the AORIST tense; middle voice!
 - This signifies something **DONE** or **COMPLETED** in the **PAST!**
 - On the cross, Jesus PROCLAIMED: “IT IS FINISHED!” (John 19:30)
 - His passion through His life was to DO what He was sent to do – the Father’s will and to FINISH IT! (John 4:34)
 - He declared that He had FINISHED IT! (John 17:4)
- **He, and HE alone, accomplished this GREAT WORK – the purging of our sins!**
 - No one else was on the Cross with Him.
 - All of His disciples ran away.
 - Only He was sent and **was able** to purge our sins!
- Since He was the only one to accomplish, complete, and finish this work salvation is found in **no other!** (Acts 4:12)

The Cost of His Work for Us

- (1 John 1:7) We are cleansed (purged) by the blood of Jesus Christ.
 - He died in our place! He was our Substitute! He was our SURETY!
 - He purged our sins by paying the price that the Law/God required. (Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 3:23; Galatians 3:10-3, 22)
- (Ephesians 1:7) Forgiveness of our sins comes through His blood.
- (John 10:11, 15, 17-18) He laid down His life for His own!

God’s PROMISE

- Read Hebrews 8:12!!!!!!!

He Is HIGHLY Exalted! (Philippians 2:5-11)

- He DIED to PURGE my sins, BUT He LIVES!
- GOD EXALTED Him – according to His will (purpose, plan, counsel).
 - Psalm 110:1; Acts 2:36
- In HIS exaltation He now REIGNS over ALL. (Acts 10:36)

He Sat Down! (Hebrews 1:3)

- “on high” – consider Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 83:18; 97:9; Daniel 4:17
 - He is the MOST HIGH God! El-Elyon! Gen 14:19-20; Psa. 78:56; 107:11
- “Majesty” – title given to the **SOVEREIGN** over all!
SOVEREIGN: “Subject to NONE, influenced by NONE, absolutely independent; God does AS He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases.”
- “sat down” - the work is FINISHED!
 - There were no chairs in the Tabernacle or Temple.
 - The priests were always working to make atonement for the people of Israel!
 - ★ BUT OUR HIGH PRIEST SAT DONE.
 - **ETERNAL REDEMPTIONS WAS OBTAINED ONCE and FOR ALL TIMES for HIS PEOPLE.** (Hebrews 9:12)

“At the Right Hand”

- The place of **POWER** – see Exodus 15:6; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12
- He SAVES with His RIGHT HAND! Psalm 17:7; Ephesians 1:19
- VICTORY comes from His Right Hand! Psalm 98:1

Why Is His Exaltation Important to Me?

- This CHRIST now sits in the **HIGHEST** place of **HONOUR!**
- This CHRIST now sits in heaven with **ALL POWER** and **AUTHORITY.** (Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 28:18; 1 Peter 3:22). He is MY LORD (Owner, Master, Ruler). He, and He alone, is SOVEREIGN over my life and my destiny!
 - My allegiance belongs ONLY to Him! Allegiance is demonstrated in OBEDIENCE!
- This CHRIST **SITS!**
 - He came to **SEEK, FIND** and **SAVE** His people! (Matthew 1:21; Luke 15:4; 19:10)
 - He came to do the WORK of purging His people’s sins and He **FINISHED** that work!
 - My **JOY** must be in Him and what He has done for me!

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- This CHRIST ascended to **SEND** His Holy Spirit to dwell in His people forever. (John 16:5-15)
 - This Holy Spirit is **OUR GUARANTEE!** (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; Romans 8:9; 2 Corinthians 1:22; 2 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Timothy 2:19)
 - My **assurance** must be in HIM!
- This CHRIST is His People's **ADVOCATE** (one who publicly plead a case for another)! 1 John 2:1-2
 - My **rest** must be in Him!
- This CHRIST now sits at the RIGHT HAND making **INTERCESSION** of His people.
 - He only makes intercession for His own. (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34)
 - Are YOU one of His people?
 - My **PEACE** and **SECURITY** are in HIS intercession!!!
- This CHRIST now sits in the place of **SERVICE!**
 - Read Hebrews 8:1-2
 - He continues to SERVE His people for God's glory and for their GOOD!
 - My **SERVICE** must be to Him and His people.

THIS IS THE SON OF GOD
God commands, "This is My Beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased, hear Him!"

(Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35)
 (PRESENT TENSE; ACTIVE VOICE; IMPERATIVE MOOD)

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