

Hebrews - Chapter One

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The book of Hebrews, believed by many to have been written by Paul, is key to understanding the cross and how the sanctuary and services were types describing what Christ did for us. We will step through verse by verse and discuss, as far as we can understand today, what is being revealed by God through this message.

Hebrews 1:1-2: *1. God, who in many parts and in many ways having spoken in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2. Has at the end of these days spoke unto us in a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the ages;* (Interlinear Bible) Worlds (KJ Bible) might lead one to think that Paul is taught that there are other worlds populated by God (see Heb 11:3). I am more inclined to think ages speaks more of the generations created (Gen 2:4). God spoke to Israel through the prophets in various generations, and has preserved their writings for this generation in the Bible (Eph 2:19-20). It was the “only son” through whom the Father spoke, and it was that son who followed Israel from Egypt to the promised land (1 Cor 10:4). God spoke ‘in a Son’ (some say ‘by his Son’). The son by whom God spoke was Jesus, thus indicating a hierarchy between Father and Son (cf Rev 1:1), which idea continues in the next few verses.

Heb 1:3-4: *3. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged (having made a cleansing) our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.* Glory⁽¹³⁹¹⁾ is from *dokeo*⁽¹³⁸⁰⁾, which means “to think. *Doxa*⁽¹³⁹¹⁾ therefore, means, thoughts, ideas, judgments or opinions. Christ reflects the thoughts, ideas and opinions of our heavenly Father, being in the express image of His substance, or foundation (cf Heb 11:1). By his cross, Jesus made a cleansing of our sins by putting to death the old man. Having ascended into heaven, he sits at the right hand of power. Notice too, that Jesus obtained a more excellent character than the angels by inheritance. We obtained a divine character by adoption.

Heb 1:5: *For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?* The underlined quote is from Psalms 2:7, where it can be seen, by the verbs that it refers to the Son’s eternal birth. The quote is also in Acts 13:33 to prove the only son died and was resurrected as God’s proof of our salvation, and again in Hebrews 5:5 in connection with and validation of his becoming our high Priest. **Ps 89:27:** *Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.* This verse is translated as if this Psalm is speaking of David, the literal man. But when the entire Psalm is read, it can be seen that David is a type of Christ (see verses 9-12, 29, 36). Under this condition, verse 27 would better read: *Also I will make him, my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.* (Just one comma makes a difference in English) David was not firstborn (cf 1 Ch 2:15). The Son was firstborn as the Son of God and then as the Son of man **Mic 5:2:** *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin (has been) from of everlasting, from the days of eternity.* (KJ, marginal reference)

Heb 1:6-7: *6. And again, when he brings in the first begotten into the world, he said, And let all the angels of God worship him. 7. And of the angels he saith, Who makes his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire..* Micah lists his birth in Bethlehem and in eternity. He was the first born of the Father (Bible does not explain how), and first born of Mary. It is the eternal birth that most have difficulty with. However, there are more verses that support this idea: **Pr 8:24-25:** *24. When there were no depths, I was brought forth (born);*

when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth (born): **Col 1:15:** *He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;* (Revised Standard). Is Jesus God? Yes! Was Jesus created in eternity? No! What God creates is NOT God, what He births IS God, and, as in verse six, the Son of God is to be worshiped.

Heb 1:8-9: *8. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom. 9. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.* The Son has been anointed by the Spirit of the Father without measure (Jn 3:34), in eternity and while on earth. Over and over Christ intimated that he only spoke what his Father gave him (cf Jn 8:38; 12:49-50). The Son's God is his heavenly Father: **Jn 20:17:** *Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Rev 3:12:* *He that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

Heb 1:10-12: *10. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: 11. They shall perish; but you remain; and they (heavens & earth) all shall wax old as doth a garment; 12. And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.* The Son carried out the Father's plan in creating all things (Eph 3:9). Not only did he create the literal heavens & earth, but also the spiritual. Man's heavens and earth will be destroyed, as will this planet eventually. **Isa 34:4:** *And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falls off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. Rev 6:12-14:* *12. And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13. And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 14. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.* But there will be a new heavens & earth in those who have new spirits: **Isa 65:17-18:** *17. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.* The new Jerusalem of which is spoken in Revelation, is the mind-set perfected in Jesus Christ (Heb 5:8-9,) which he will give to his people. (Eph 4:21-24)

Heb 1:13-14: *13. But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14. Are they not all ministering spirits (heavenly angels - Dan 9:21; Lk 1:26-27), sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? 1 Cor 15:25-28:* *25. For he (Christ) must reign, till he (the Father) hath put all enemies under his feet. 26. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.* When all is said and done, the Son himself will be subject to the Father. It is true understanding of the Father and Son that is to be declared with power to the whole world in this last days. **Rev 1:1-2:** *1. The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: 2. Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.* We are earthly messengers of this day, and must be ready to proclaim truth!