

I. Review

A. We are doing a verse-by-verse study of the book of Hebrews as a church family. We encourage you all to be reading a chapter a day in the book of Hebrews for the duration of this study. As you do, invite the Holy Spirit to help you understand, know, and love Jesus more through it.

B. Intro

1. Date - 67-69 AD
2. Writer - Unknown
3. Genre - Sermon "A Word of Exhortation"
4. Recipient - Messianic Hellinst Jews
5. Purpose - Many were denying Jesus and going back to Judaism because of increasing persecution.
6. Message - The Supremacy and Worth of Jesus in the New Covenant Revelation and relationship versus the Old Covenant revelation and relationship.

II. Verse by Verse (1:2b-1:3a)

"Whom He has appointed heir of all things; through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory"

A. Seven Facets - This first portion of the book of Hebrews is widely held as one of the premier passages that proclaims the majesty, supremacy, and beauty of Jesus in the entire Bible. It has been coined by many as the "Seven Facets of the Supremacy of Christ". This passage both gives the foundation of the epistle and summarizes much of the letter to the Hebrews in one verse. It is important to keep in mind that these statements are given mostly with His humanity in view. (Rev. 5:1-12)

There is no aspect of God's grace that more powerfully transforms our emotions and satisfies our hearts than when the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to us. The Spirit longs to escort us into the knowledge of God and into the deep things of His heart. We need the Spirit's power and supernatural revelation in order to truly be fascinated, captivated and moved to love concerning the magnificence of Jesus. The Spirit gives to those who hunger and thirst and to those who ask, He does not force the treasure of who Jesus is upon us, nor will He give it to those who do not value it. -Mike Bickle

1. **The Heir of All Things** - The Romans proclaimed Caesar as the “heir”, or rightful owner, of the nations. The leaders of Israel saw themselves as the “heirs” over the land of Israel. Both groups despised the Christian doctrine that Jesus was the rightful and coming “heir” of the earth and for this they were persecuted heavily by both groups.
 - a. It seemed an absolute ridiculous statement to the leaders of that day that the lowly carpenter from Nazareth who had no desirous features, lineage, or position, and who was an executed criminal, was the rightful person who would inherit the earth. However, this is exactly what the scriptures say. (Ps. 2:8, 42:1-4, 45:4; Is. 9:6-7, 11:3-5, 53:10-12; Dan. 7:13-14; Mt. 21:33-46; Col. 1:17-18; Phil. 2:7-11)
 - b. Breaking down Rev. 5:12 - During the Millennium, Jesus will receive all the power (governmental authority); riches (currency and natural resources); wisdom (intellectual standards and property); strength (physical strength, including the labor force and human resources); glory (praise, adulation, and love); honor (all will esteem Him voluntarily with their obedience); and blessing (laud and agree with His policies with unified cooperation). Jesus will be the most powerful, wealthy, wise, supported, praised, loved, obeyed, respected, listened to, and talked about Man on the earth forever.
2. **The Creator of the Worlds** - The common Greek word for the physical world is “kosmos”, but the word used here is “aiones”, which means, “the ages”. Jesus created the physical and spiritual dynamics of creation and the time frames in which God’s storyline and eternal purposes unfold through the various ages of human history. (Pr. 8:22-31; Jn. 1:1-4, 14-17; Eph. 1:10; Col. 1:16-17; 1 Cor. 8:6)

The ancient Greek philosopher, Philo, used the word *apaugasma* to describe the Logos: “the being or intelligent mind who ordered the universe”. The writer of Hebrews explained Jesus in terms that made sense to both first-century Jews and those familiar with Greek philosophy. - David Guzik

3. **The Brightness of God's Glory** - Jesus is the brightness or the radiance of the Father's glory. The Greek word for brightness is "apaugosmo" and it speaks of God's glory pouring forth or streaming forth from Jesus. Glory biblically speaks of God's actions or activities that merit a worshipful response. The most used word to describe this aspect of Jesus radiating God's glory is "light". (Mt. 17:1-2; Jn. 1:14; 8:12, 14:9-10; Cor. 4:6; Rev. 21:23)
 - a. To understand this truth, it is important to first know that Jesus is of the same nature, substance, and essence as the Father. Jesus is God, like the Father, and like the Holy Spirit, yet is a distinct person from the Father and Spirit. As a distinct person, Jesus is the brightness or the pouring forth of the essence of God.
 - b. The unspoken analogy behind this truth is the relationship of the sun to the rays of light that stream forth from it with great brightness. As the radiance of a ray of light streaming forth from the sun brings light to the earth, so Jesus brings the Father's light to the earth. The brightness of the sun's rays expresses the nature of the sun. However, the rays are not actually the sun itself, but they come from it. Since it was created, light has never ceased to radiate from the sun. They are so perfectly one that as long as the sun exists, the radiance of it's rays will also exist.