

God's Final Word: His Son

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various

ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all

things, and through whom also he made the universe.

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining

all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at

the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to

theirs.

The Son Superior to Angels

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your

Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? 6 And again, when God brings

his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of

fire." [d] 8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you

above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." [e] 10 He also says, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your

hands.

11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”

13 To which of the angels did God ever say, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a

footstool for your feet”? 14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will

inherit salvation?

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions.

Did you gain any insight into God’s character? What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you? Did anything move you emotionally? Did God instruct you to do

something?

1. How did God speak to His people “in the past,” and why is that significant?

2. What does it mean that God has spoken “by His Son” in these last days?

3. What does it tell us about Jesus that He is “heir of all things”?

4. How was the Son involved in the creation of the universe?

5. What does it mean that Jesus is “the radiance of God’s glory”?

6. How does Jesus being “the exact representation of His being” help us understand

God?

7. What does it mean that Jesus “sustains all things by His powerful word”?

8. What does "after He had provided purification for sins" teach us about Christ's

work?

9. Why is Jesus seated at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven?

10. In what way has Jesus become superior to the angels?

11. Why does the writer quote the Old Testament to prove Jesus' identity?

12. What does "You are my Son" reveal about Jesus' relationship with the Father?

13. Why are the angels commanded to worship the Son?

14. How are angels described, and what does this tell us about their role?

15. Why is the Son addressed as "God" in this verse?

16. What do these verses teach about Jesus' righteous rule and character?

17. What does it mean that Jesus "loved righteousness and hated wickedness"?

18. What do these verses teach about Jesus as Creator and the eternal One?

19. How does the contrast between the changing creation and the unchanging Christ encourage believers?

20. Why has no angel ever been invited to sit at God's right hand?

21. What is the purpose of angels according to this verse?

22. Looking back over the chapter, what are the main ways the writer demonstrates Jesus' superiority over angels?

23. Which description of Jesus in Hebrews 1 most strengthens your faith, and why?

24. How does Hebrews 1 deepen your understanding of who Jesus is?

25. After studying Hebrews 1, what practical difference should the greatness of Christ make in the way you live and worship this week?