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Jesus Christ

Encouragement From The Book of Hebrews

Jesus Christ: The Better Choice

- A better messenger
- Better than the angels
- Better than Moses
- A better rest
- A better high priest
- A better priesthood
- A better covenant
- A better tabernacle
- A better sacrifice
- A better way of living
- A better faith
- A better kingdom



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Hebrews: Fact Sheet

- Theme: Jesus is the better choice
- Purpose: To *encourage* immature believers who were facing pressure to go back to Judaism to hold fast to their faith in Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:22: "But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly."

Hebrews: Fact Sheet

- Author: Unknown
- Date: 64-68 AD
- Audience: 2nd generation Hebrews believers (primarily; 2:3 After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,)
- Key words: “better (13x), perfect (14x)”
- Old Testament flavor
  - 29 direct OT quotes
  - 53 clear allusions to various other

Hebrews: Fact Sheet

Key warnings/exhortations:

- 2:1-4: Drifting from the Word
- 3:7-4:13: Doubting the Word
- 5:11-6:20: Dullness toward the Word
- 10:26-39: Despising the Word
- 12:14-29: Defying the Word

Hebrews: Fact Sheet

Key passages:

- 2:3: So great a salvation
- 4:12: The living Word of God
- 4:16: The throne of grace
- 7:25: The intercession of Christ
- 11:1: The definition/description of faith
- 11:4-40: Heroes of the faith
- 12:1-2: The Christian race

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Hebrews 1:1-3

“God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”

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Hebrews 1:1-3

- God spoke (*in the past*)…through the prophets
  - To the fathers
  - In many portions
  - In many ways
- God speaks (in these last days) through His Son

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Hebrews 1:1-3: A Better Messenger

- God's Son (Jesus Christ)
  - Heir of all things
  - Creator of the world
  - The radiance of God's Glory
  - The exact representation of His nature
  - Upholds all things
  - Has made purification for sins
  - Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

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Hebrews 1:1-3: A Better Messenger

- God's Son (Jesus Christ)
  - Heir of all things

"The universe belongs to Him by divine appointment and He will soon reign over it." - William MacDonald

"For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." **Philippians 2:9-11**

Hebrews 1:1-3: A Better Messenger

- God's Son (Jesus Christ)
  - Creator of the world

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." **John 1:1-3**

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Hebrews 1:1-3: A Better Messenger

- God's Son (Jesus Christ)
  - The radiance of God's Glory



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Hebrews 1:1-3: A Better Messenger

- God's Son (Jesus Christ)
  - The exact representation of His nature

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." **Colossians 1:15**

"For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form," **Colossians 2:9**

Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father '? **John 14:9**

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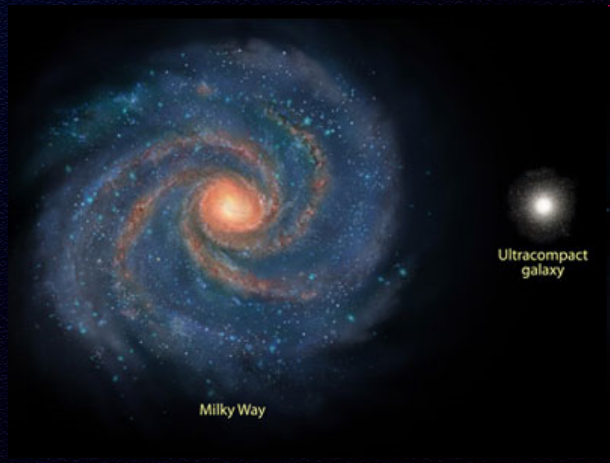
Hebrews 1:1-3: A Better Messenger



- God's Son (Jesus Christ)
  - Upholds all things

"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." **Colossians 1:17**





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Hebrews 1:1-3: A Better Messenger

- God's Son (Jesus Christ)
  - Has made purification for sins

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds." **Titus 2:11-14**

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Hebrews 1:1-3: A Better Messenger

- God's Son (Jesus Christ)
  - Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

> "By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD," **Hebrews 10:10-12**

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