

## "The Father's Superior Spokesman"

Hebrews 1:1-3

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The passage's main message – God's Son is His final and superior spokesman, even superior to the writers of the Old Testament.

### I. Superior because of the *Method* of Christ's Message

- A. Prior revelation had come through various means and at different times.
- B. Christ brought the Father's singular, completed, and final message.

*Jude 3 - Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.*

### II. Superior because of the *Timing* of Christ's Message

- A. Old Testament revelation was given "long ago".
- B. Christ brought the Father's message in "these last days".
  - 1. The "last days" is a common Old Testament expression describing the culminating point in Old Testament Israel's history.
  - 2. The New Testament confirms that the "last days" had dawned (Acts 2:16-17, etc.).
  - 3. This timing pointed to the culminating and complete nature of God's revelation through Christ.

### III. Superior because of the *Nature* of Christ

- A. Christ is not just a prophet, but God's Son.
- B. Christ in His humanity has inherited all things.
- C. The world was made through Him.

*John 1:1-3 - <sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.* →

- D. God the Son shares the glory of the Father ("the radiance of His glory").
- E. The Divine Son possesses the Father's divine nature ("the exact reflection of His nature").
- F. The God-Man holds the universe together by the power of His word.
- G. He made purification for His people's sins (unlike any mere prophet).
- H. He is seated bodily at the right hand of the Father (unlike any Old Testament writer).

### IV. What does this passage say to us today?

- A. We now possess God's supreme and final message in the pages of the New Testament.

*John 14:26 - But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

- B. We are reminded that the Old Testament must always now be interpreted in light of Christ.

*John 1:45* - Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

*John 5:46* - "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me."

*Luke 24:27* - Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

- C. No other messengers from God are coming now that Christ has.
- D. All other voices in our lives must be evaluated in light of God's final, supreme revelation given through His Son.