

Hebrews 1

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The Supremacy of God's Son

- ¹ God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
 - ² Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
 - 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 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.
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- 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?
 - ⁶ And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.
 - ⁷ And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.
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- ⁸ But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre 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.

- 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 thou remainest; and they 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.

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- 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, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Kingdom — βασιλεία (Basileia)

Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Prophet — προφήτης (Prophētēs)

Prophet

The Greek **prophētēs** (προφήτης) denotes a prophet—one who speaks forth God's message. Jesus was recognized as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word' (Luke 24:19), fulfilling and surpassing the prophetic office.

Salvation — σωτηρία (Soteria)

Salvation, deliverance

The Greek **soteria** (σωτηρία) denotes salvation, deliverance, or preservation—rescue from sin's penalty and power. It encompasses justification, sanctification, and glorification.

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

Hebrews 1:1 **Prophecy:** Joel 2:28; Luke 24:27; Acts 2:30; 28:23. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 2:2; Genesis 3:15; Luke 1:55; 1:72; Acts 13:32. **References God:** John 9:29

Hebrews 1:2 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 44:24; Matthew 17:5; 26:63; 28:18; John 13:3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 1 Peter 1:20. **Creation:** Hebrews 11:3; John 1:3; 1:14

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Hebrews 1:4 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 1:9; Ephesians 1:21; Colossians 1:18; 2:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:7. **Creation:** Hebrews 2:9; 1 Peter 3:22

Hebrews 1:5 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 5:5; 2 Samuel 7:14; 1 Chronicles 17:13; 22:10; 28:6; Psalms 2:7; Acts 13:33

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Hebrews 1:7 **Spirit:** Hebrews 1:14; Psalms 104:4. **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 2:11; 6:17

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Hebrews 1:9 **Love:** Psalms 45:7; Isaiah 61:8; Amos 5:15; Galatians 5:22. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 23:5; Luke 4:18; 1 John 1:3. **Righteousness:** Isaiah 61:3. **References God:** Isaiah 61:1; Romans 15:13

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Hebrews 1:13 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 1:3; Psalms 110:1; 132:18; Matthew 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42; Acts 7:55

Hebrews 1:14 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 34:7; Daniel 3:28; 6:22; Matthew 18:10; Luke 1:19; 16:22; Acts 5:19; 12:7; 27:23. **Spirit:** Matthew 1:20

