

Hebrews 3:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

Analysis

The universal principle stated—every house has a builder—leads to the conclusion that God built all things. Since Christ is identified as the builder (verse 3) and God is the builder of all, Christ's deity is implicitly affirmed. This is a logical argument from creation to Creator, from effect to cause.

Historical Context

This reasoning parallels John 1:3 and Colossians 1:16 in affirming Christ's role in creation. It answers Jewish objections by using a rabbinic-style argument from the lesser to the greater.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does creation testify to you about the Creator's power and wisdom?

2. What aspects of God's creative work most deeply reveal His character to you?

Interlinear Text

πάντα	γὰρ	οἶκος	κατασκευάσας	ὑπό	τινος	ὁ	δὲ
all things	For	house	he that built	by	some	G3588	man but
G3956	G1063	G3624	G2680	G5259	G5100		G1161

τὰ	πάντα	κατασκευάσας	θεός
G3588	all things	he that built	is God
	G3956	G2680	G2316

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 3:3 (Parallel theme): For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

Hebrews 1:2 (Parallel theme): 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;