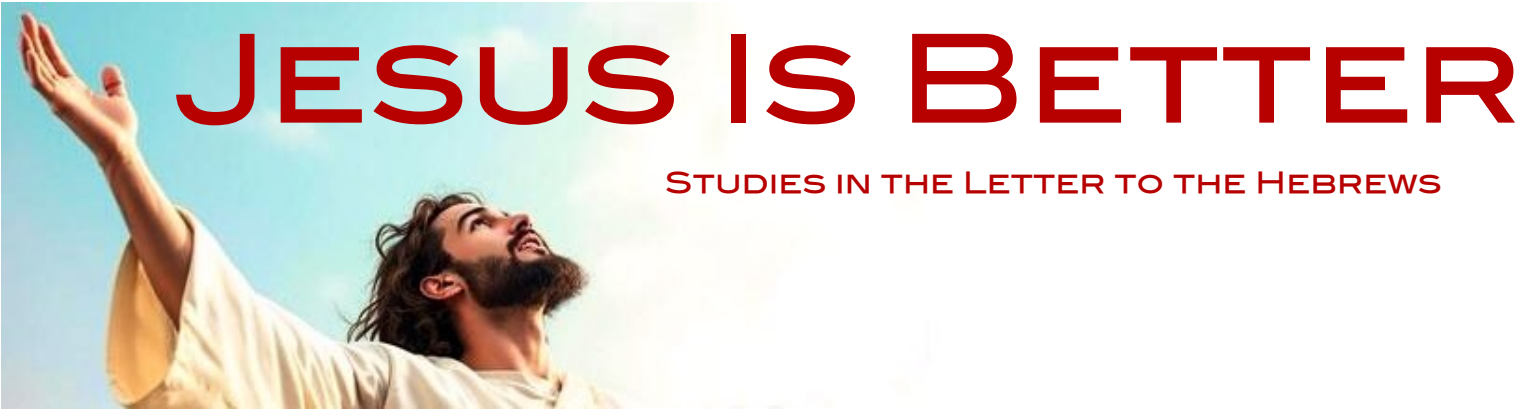




LESSON 1

Jesus is the exalted Son of God!

Hebrews 1

1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers 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 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.

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;
today I have become your Father"?

Psalms 2:7

Or again,

"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?

2 Samuel 7:14

6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Deuteronomy 32:43, LXX

7 In speaking of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,
his servants flames of fire."

Psalms 104:4

8 But about the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God,
will last for ever and ever,
and righteousness 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."

Psalms 45:6-7

10 He also says,

"In the beginning, O 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."

Psalms 102:25-27

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"?

Psalms 110:1

14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Jesus is louder – hear him!

▲ God's servants spoke in the past

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

▲ God's Son speaks in the present

2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

–He is the Continuing Creator

2 whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

–He is the Consummate Communicator

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Jesus speaks into this world the foremost and final word, a message that is bigger, better, brighter, and bolder than any other message ever heard. It's the gospel—the message of God's grace and forgiveness, hope and healing, favor and freedom, eternal life and victory. Hear him!

Jesus is loftier – hail and hallelujah him!

▲ He served and suffered in the trenches

3 After he had provided purification for sins,

▲ He is seated on the throne

3 he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

–The Son is superior to the angels

4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. 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"?

–The Son is served by the angels

6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

–The Son superintends the angels

7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire."

Jesus, who died for our sins and rose again, has "gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him" (1 Peter 3:22). Hail him as King and Lord. Praise and glorify him! Worship him and thank him for who he is and what he has done!

Jesus is longer-lasting – hang with him!

▲ His is an enduring dynasty

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▶ A dynasty of justice

▶ A dynasty of joy

▲ His is an everlasting dominion

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–His victory is his own inheritance

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"?

–His victory is our inheritance

14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Jesus, the eternal Son of God, without beginning or end, will outlast every competitor and conquer every foe. His victory is guaranteed by the Heavenly Father. He has promised to share that victory forever with those who follow him faithfully. The Book of Hebrews will warn us that following Jesus faithfully requires much determination and perseverance. Will you hang with him?

Hebrews 7:19

A **better hope** is introduced, by which we draw near to God.



Hebrews 7:22

Jesus has become the guarantee of a **better covenant**.



Hebrews 8:6

The covenant of which Jesus is mediator...is founded on **better promises**.



Hebrews 9:23

The heavenly things...are purified...with **better sacrifices** than these.



Hebrews 10:34

You knew that you yourselves had **better and lasting possessions**.



Hebrews 11:16

They were longing for a **better country**—a heavenly one.



Hebrews 11:35

Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a **better resurrection**.



Hebrews 12:24

The sprinkled blood of Jesus...speaks a **better word** than the blood of Abel.



Hebrews 11:40

God had planned **something better for us**...