

Hebrew 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

1:3 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 at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

1:4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?

1:6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

1:7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

1:8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.

1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

1:10 And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

1:11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment;

1:12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

1:13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?

1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Last week was the Pentecost service.

Tongues like flames broke out and stayed on each one of them, and the disciples, with tongues of fire and the Holy Spirit, praised God's great works in a foreign language they had never learned, praising without ceasing.

It was truly a fulfillment of Jesus' words.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will receive power, and you will be my witnesses

in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

This was the moment when, empowered by the Holy Spirit, all obstacles were removed and the curtain was lifted on the mission to go out into the world as my witnesses, witnesses of Jesus Christ, transcending national languages, cultures, races, and values.

Be witnesses of Jesus. This was the mission, the mission of the disciples.

In the Judaism of the time, it was blasphemy to speak of oneself as God. For there is only one God. And Jesus was crucified, which He took upon Himself to atone for our sins.

John 19:17 Jesus Himself carried the cross and went out to a place called Zarekobe (Golgotha in Hebrew).

John 10:17 The Father loves me because I lay down my life. I lay down my life that I may have it again.

10:18 No one takes it away from me. I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to receive it. I have power to cast it away, and I have power to receive it; this is my Father's decree.

The Bible does not say that there is only one God, but that the Son and the Holy Spirit have been working together with God the Father since the beginning of all things, since the creation of the world. And in due time, God has made the Son the Suffering Servant, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Isaiah 9:2 The people who were walking in darkness have seen a great light. The light shone upon the people who were living in the land of darkness.

9:3 Because thou hast multiplied the nation, and magnified their joy, they rejoiced before thee as they rejoice at the time of reaping, as they enjoy themselves at the dividing of the prey.

9:4 For thou hast broken the yoke that they bear, and the staff of their shoulder, and the whip of their shearers, as thou didst do in the day of Midian.

9:5 For the shoes of the footmen and the blood-stained garments of the footmen shall be burned as cinders of fire in all the battlefields.

9:6 A child is born to us, a son is given to us; and we shall call him our son. And the Lamb shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called, "The Wondrous Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 53:1 Who could believe what we have heard? Whom did the arm of the LORD appear?

Isaiah 53:2 He has grown up before the LORD like a young tree, like a root out of dry soil. He has no form for us to behold, no majesty, no beauty for us to admire.

53:3 He was despised and forsaken of men; he was a man of sorrows, and knew sickness. 53:4 And he was despised like one whose face is covered with abominations. 53:4 And we esteemed him not, neither did we respect him: for he was a man of sorrows, and knew sickness.

53:4 For indeed he bore our infirmities, and was our grief, and we thought, "What is this that he is doing? But we thought that he was smitten, that he was smitten of God, that he was afflicted.

53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, and crushed for our iniquities. 53:5 But he was chastened himself, and gave us peace; and by his wounds we are healed.

53:6 We have all gone our own way, lost as sheep: but the LORD hath not forgotten the iniquity of us all. 53:7 And the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all.

53:7 He was tormented and afflicted, but he opened not his mouth. 53:7 He was tormented and afflicted, but he did not open his mouth, like a lamb being led to the hovel, or like a sheep keeping silent before the shearers.

Indeed, Jesus was present in the Old Testament as well. And who is this Jesus? Is he a messenger sent by God?

Revelation 19:10 And I fell down at his feet to worship him. And he said, "Do not do such a thing. I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who are witnesses of Jesus. Worship God alone. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

The testimony of Jesus is repeated in the first chapter, whether He is the God to whom we should kneel and worship, or whether He is the God to whom we should kneel and worship, and what the Hebrews and Jews should know about His Son.

John 20:27 Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see My hand. Stretch out your hand and put it in my side. Do not be an unbeliever, but a believer.

20:28 Thomas answered and said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!

20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Woe to him that believeth not seeing!

1:1 God spake once upon a time unto the fathers by the prophets, at divers times, and in divers manners: but now is the time of the Son, and the time of the Holy Ghost, and the time of the

Holy Ghost,

2 In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. For God has appointed the Son to be heir of all things, and through him he has made the world.

Once upon a time, God spoke through prophets. But now, in the time of the end, God has spoken through His Son.

God has finally sent us a message in the end times through the Son of God Himself. Just as in this parable.

Luke 20:9 Then Jesus told the people the following parable: "A certain man made a vineyard and leased it to the farmers, and they went on a long journey.

20:10 And when the season was come, he sent a servant to the farmers to give them a share of the harvest of the vineyard. But the farmers beat him and sent him home by force.

20:11 So he sent another servant. And they beat him also, and insulted him, and sent him back with their hands.

20:12 Then he sent a third, whom they also wounded and drove out.

20:13 The owner of the vineyard said, "What shall I do? Yes, I will send my beloved son. He will probably respect him.

20:14 But when the farmers saw him, they said to him, "He is a trader. Let's kill him. Then the property will be ours,

20:15 And they drove him out of the vineyard and killed him. And what will the owner of the vineyard do with them?

20:16 He will come out and kill them and give the vineyard to others. When the people heard this, they said, "Such a thing must not happen."

20:17 Then Jesus looked at them and said, "Then what does it mean when it says, 'The stone which the house-builders threw away became the cornerstone'?"

20:18 And every one that falls upon it shall be crushed; and if it falls upon any man, he shall be cut to pieces.

20:19 At this time the scribes and chief priests wanted to lay hands on Jesus, but they feared the people. They realized that the parable was spoken to them.

20:20 So they waited for an opportunity, and sent spies, posing as righteous men, to catch Jesus in his speech, in order to deliver him up to the dominion and authority of the governor.

2 For in this last time He has spoken to us by His Son. For God hath appointed his Son heir of all things, and by him also hath he made the worlds of brimstone.

In these last days.

1 John 2:17 The world and the lusts of the world shall pass away. But he who does the will of God will abide forever.

2:18 Children. Now is the time of the end. Just as you have long heard that the Antichrist is coming, so now many Antichrists have appeared. Know then that this is the time of the end.

This is the time when many antichrists will appear and will oppose God's will. But this letter was written to the Hebrews, to those who do not know Jesus as the Son of God and Savior, to let them know that there is no salvation from God except through the atonement of the cross of Jesus, the sent Savior, so that they would not harden their hearts and believe in it.

Acts 4:11 This Jesus is 'the stone which your builders threw away, but which became the cornerstone.

4:12 There is no salvation except through him. For no other name under heaven has been given to anyone to save ours.

God has appointed his Son to be the heir of all things, and through him he created the world. God made his Son Jesus Christ his heir. God also worked with this Son to create the world.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. The Word was God.

1:2 This Word was with God in the beginning.

1:3 All things were made by it. 1:3 For by it all things were made, and not one thing was made that was not by it.

1:4 And in this word was life, and the life was the light of men. And this life was the light of men.

1:5 The light shineth in the darkness And darkness did not prevail against it.

And amazingly, God has made us joint heirs with Christ to His salvation. Thank you Jesus.

Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.

8:15 For you have not received the spirit of slavery to make you fear again, but the spirit of sonship. By that Spirit we call, "Abba, Father.

8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God.

8:17 If we are sons, we are also heirs. As heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ, since they also suffer to share in the glory with Him.

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory, the true image of God's nature, who preserves all things with his mighty word. And when he had finished the work of cleansing from sin, he took his seat at the right hand of the Most High.

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Mark 4:39 And Jesus arose, and shook the wind, and said unto the sea, Be still, and be silent; and the wind ceased, and there was a great rushing.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory. The true image of God's essence. He preserves all things with His powerful Word. And when He had finished the work of cleansing from sin, He took His seat at the right hand of the Most High.

To whom else but God could these words refer?

4 And the Son became better than them, because his inherited name is greater than the names of his angels.

5 Who in the world can God say to his angels, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you? I have begotten thee this day," and again, "I will be his father, and he shall be my son.

In verses 4 and 13, we are repeatedly asked which of the angels God ever told Jesus to speak to.

The person Jesus is just an angel, not God. Many leaders, Jews, thought so and rejected Jesus as a blasphemer. And to all those in modern science and thought who think Jesus is only a man, a great man of history, the first chapter of Hebrews speaks.

You are my Son. I have begotten thee this day," and again, "I will be his Father, and he shall be my Son.

6 And again, in bringing his firstborn into the world, God said, / "All the angels of God should worship him.

Jesus is God's only Son and firstborn. He is different from the angels. Every angel of God is a divine being who is to be worshipped.

Why is the only begotten Son of God called the "firstborn" here?

It is because, amazingly, we too have received the Son as our firstborn Son.

Romans 8:28 For we know that God works with those who love him, those who have been called according to his plan, to make all things work together for good.

8:29 For God has predestined those whom he knew beforehand, that they should be more like the image of his Son. 8:29 And God has predestinated them whom he knew beforehand, that they should be more like his Son, that he might make them the firstborn among many brethren.

8:30 And he called those whom he had predestined, and made them more righteous; and to those whom he had called he gave more glory.

8:31 What then shall we say concerning these things? 8:31 What then shall we say concerning these things, if God is on our side, who can be against us?

7 And of His angels it is said, "He maketh them a wind, and they that serve Him a flame,

8 As for the Son, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the rod of thy dominion is the rod of equity.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hatest iniquity. Therefore thy God, the Lord thy God, hath poured out more abundance of joy upon thee than thou hast poured out upon thy friends,

10 And again, "In the beginning, O LORD, thou didst set the foundations of the earth. And the heavens are the work of thy hands.

11 These things perish, but You are everlasting. All things are old as a garment; all things have become old as a garment,

12 And thou shalt wrap them up like a cloak. These things change like a garment, but You are always unchanging, and Your goodness never ceases.

These things, both in heaven and on earth, will grow old and perish like a garment. But our Lord Jesus Christ always remains the same, and His teachings do not become old, outdated, or obsolete, and His age will never run out. Neither He, nor His Church, nor we, will expire

and perish.

Isaiah 40:6 A voice is heard, "Call me. I said, "What shall I call you? All men are grass. All their beauty is as the flower of the field.

40:7 When the breath of the Lord blows on them, the grass withers and the flower wilts. Indeed, man is grass.

40:8 The grass withers, and the flower wilts. But the word of our God will never change.

40:9 He that bringeth good tidings unto Zion, mount up on a high mountain. 40:10 Lift up your voice, O ye that bring good tidings to Jerusalem; lift up your voice, and be not afraid. Say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

13 Has God ever said unto any of his angels, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

14 Are not all angels ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who are to inherit salvation?

The Son and the angels are two very different things.

But God has given us believers the privilege of being partakers of Jesus' life and His person without limit.

John 1:12 But to those who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave power to become the sons of God.

1:13 For they were born, not of blood, nor of the lusts of the flesh, nor of the lusts of man, but only of God.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

As recipients of salvation, honor, and glory, we too desire to be sent to serve the Lord, to worship Him alone, and to minister with His angels to those who are to inherit salvation.



Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship.

Thank you that you understand us, trust us, encourage us, use us in our mission, love one another, and encourage us in our ministry of building up the church. Thank you for meeting with the One we are to follow, because following the Lord is our true purpose in life, even though there are many difficulties. Let us go with Jesus this week, in His will and in His blessings. We trust that He will answer our prayers. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.