

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 1:3-4

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 1:3-4

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

3 And

He is  
the radiance of His glory  
and the exact representation of His nature,  
and upholds all things  
by the word of His power.

When He had made purification  
of sins,

He sat down  
at the right hand of the Majesty  
on high,  
4 having become as much better than the angels,  
as He has inherited  
a more excellent name  
than they.

1. What is the author of Hebrews communicating through this passage? What is the overall message of verses 3-4?

2. How do verses 3-4 connect to the first 2 verses of this chapter? How do they advance the argumentation that the author is making?

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3. What three things are true of Jesus according to verse 3?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What does it mean for Jesus to be the radiance of the Father's glory? What are some other Biblical examples when God's glory is spoken of in terms of light (ie. Exodus 34:29-35)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What does it mean that Jesus is the imprint of God's nature? Why is it important that Jesus is the exact imprint of the Father's nature?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How does Jesus uphold the universe? What does this language remind you of?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Look back to the end of verse 2. How does Jesus upholding the universe relate and expand upon verse 2?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What is the clear teaching of verse 3a about Jesus? What is most striking to you about the description of Jesus here?

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❖ Day 2

Read Hebrews 1:3-4 again.

9. In verse 3b, what did Jesus do regarding our sin?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What happened after Jesus made purification for sins?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Where else in the Bible do we see references to sitting at the right hand of God? What is the significance of this phrase in the context of these verses?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. How does the “When he...” section at the end of verse 3 relate to the previous “He is...” section at the beginning?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What are some of the theological implications of all that you’ve read today?

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❖ Day 3

Read Hebrews 1:3-4 again.

14. How do you interpret the beginning of verse 4, “having become as much superior”? Hasn’t Jesus always been superior to angels from eternity past?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. Why do you think it was important for the author to emphasize that Jesus became superior to the angels?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. Look ahead briefly to verse 5. What “more excellent” name has Jesus inherited?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. What is the main theme of verse 4? What does the author want to emphasize?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
18. Having studied the passage for 3 days, what are your major takeaways from verses 3-4? How have they caused you to glorify God more?

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19. How ought we respond to Jesus as he is described in verses 3-4? What things are we tempted to elevate to a status similar of close to the status of Jesus like the recipients of Hebrews were doing with angels?

20. What is the main point of verses 3-4 in one sentence or less?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would see Jesus as glorious, the perfect final revelation of God. Praise Him for how he radiates the glory of God and puts the divine character on perfect display. Pray that we would rightly respond and submit to this Son of God, who exercises dominion above all things, including the angels.

Pray that God would use the preaching of his Word to bring us into a deeper knowledge, love, and reverence of Jesus Christ.