



And behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

(Matthew 3:17)

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

(Matthew 17:5)

Hebrews 1:1-4

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers by the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world, ³ who being the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, upholding all things by the word of His power, having 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.

Prologue (1:1-4)

1. The superior revelation in the Son (v1-2a)

- God's self-disclosure in the Son is the climax and fulfillment of all previous revelation

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- He is the eternal Son, the perfect imprint of God's very being, who has become the exalted Son

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3. The superior exaltation of the Son (v4)

Better than Angels

1. Why the comparison to angels?
 - outside of God, angels are the most majestic and powerful of beings
 - angels were known to be the mediators of the law given to Moses on Mt. Sinai (cf. Deut. 33:2; Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19) – Hebrews 2:2

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2. How did He *become* better than angels?
 - through His incarnation, death and exaltation, the eternal Son has become the perfect savior and heir of all things

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3. What “name” did He inherit?
 - the name “Son” in its fullest expression as Savior, Lord and Heir of all things

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- Hebrews 1:5-14
- quotes seven passages of Scripture to show the Son’s superiority over the angels
 - highlights His designation as the Son, His divine nature and His exaltation over against the angels

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- His unique “sonship”
- Psalm 2:7 – at His enthronement God declares Him to be His Son (God has become His Father)
 - 2 Sam. 7:14 – promise to David that one of his seed would reign forever as the Son of God

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;
 Take warning, O judges of the earth.
¹¹ Worship the LORD with reverence
 And rejoice with trembling.
¹² Kiss the Son, that He not become angry, and you
 perish *in* the way,
 For His wrath may soon be kindled.
 How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!
 (Psalm 2:10-12)