

HEBREWS “THE BOOK OF BETTER THINGS”

Theme:

The complete superiority of Jesus Christ as the **revealer** of God
and
The complete sufficiency of Jesus Christ as the **mediator** of God's grace

Ch. 1-A Jesus brings a revelation of God superior to the O.T. prophets

- vs. 1) Their revelation was only partial, fragmentary, occasional, and lacking any finality
- vs. 2) Jesus' revelation is the **final** one
 - He is not just a messenger, He Himself **IS** the message

SEVEN REASONS WHY HIS REVELATION OF GOD IS SUPERIOR (vs. 2b-3)

- 1) He is the **heir** (lawful owner) **of all things**
 - Col. “all things were made THROUGH Him & **FOR** Him”
 - Rom. 8:17 “in Him we are joint-heirs with Him (what He gets, we get)”

- 2) He **made the worlds** (the reaches of space & the ages of time)
 - poieo= no single English verb equivalent ... a combination of: “to make, produce, build, bring about, operate, arrange in order”

- 3) He is the **brightness** (out-raying) **of God's GLORY** (doxa= all that God is, unedited)
 - apaugasma= “the radiance shining forth from a source of light; beam; ray” an active word in Greek

- 4) He is the **express image** (perfect imprint) **of God's person** (God's nature & personality)
 - an engraver's term: karakter= “perfect imprinted image”

- 5) He is **upholding all things** (sustaining, maintaining, & guiding the whole universe !!)
 - another active word in Greek
 - cf: Col. 1:17 “in Him all things cohere (hold together)”

- 6) He Himself **purged** (cleansed, once & for all, in one single act) our **sins**
 - ch. 9:26 “once and for all He...has put away (abolished) our sin”

- 7) (after He did this) He **sat down** (finished work) at the right hand (authority & honor) of God the King
 - a formal phrase for a declaration of the work being finished
 - see Acts 7 for the only time we see Him standing up [to welcome a servant home :)]