



Disciples Bible Lesson

## **Hebrews 1**

### *God's Son: Supreme over Prophets and Angels*

#### **Overview**

Hebrews 1 shows that Jesus is superior to the prophets and to angels. God had spoken fully through his Son but only partially and imperfectly through the prophets. Jesus is superior to angels because he is God's Son, while angels are created spirits sent by God to minister to believers. As God's Son, Jesus is his heir, cocreator, and coruler of the universe, exercising authority over creation and over his enemies.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

God has spoken through the Son more fully and with authority than through the prophets or the angels.

#### **Lesson**

##### **Better Than the Prophets**

The Son of God is more glorious than the prophets because God has spoken fully through him.

1. The position of the prophets v. 1
2. The position of the Son v. 2, 3
  - a. Creator v. 2
  - b. Reflector v. 3
  - c. Sustainer v. 3
  - d. Redeemer v. 3

##### **Jesus: As The Son of God**

- The Son is Prophet through who God spoke his final word to humans.
- The Son is a Priest who has removed the stain of sin from our ledger.
- The Son is a King exalted by God to a supreme place of honor over all.

##### **Better Than the Angels**

The sonship, dignity, role, and authority of the Son show that he is better than the angels.

1. Because he is a Son v. 4, 5





2. Because he has superior dignity v. 6, 7
3. Because of his important role v. 8, 9
4. Because he is unchanging v. 10, 12
5. Because he has authority v. 13, 14

### **Principles/Applications**

1. Rest in God's protection through his angels.
2. God sends angels to protect and care for his children.
3. Look to Jesus as God's final word to human beings.
4. God has spoken in fragments through the prophets.
5. Look to Jesus for all the information God wants us to have. No more is coming. We must use what Jesus has given.
6. Jesus is superior to angels because he is a Son with superior dignity and unchanging authority.
7. God has spoken in a grand finale through Jesus.
8. Look to the Old Testament prophets for genuine insights into God.
9. Worship Jesus because he is righteous and kingly; love, adore and serve him alone.

### **Challenge Question:**

Do you believe we are living in the last days? What does this mean to you?  
How does it affect your life?

### **Takeaway Term:** *Firstborn v. 6*

This term was used to show the supreme position of the Son of God. He was not the first of God's creations. The Son of God and the Father stand in contrast with the created order. The Son has created his order in the plan of the Father, but the Father and the Son have always existed. They are uncreated. The term firstborn shows the matchless superiority of God's Sons. Paul used the word in two key passages:

**Colossians 1:15** – "He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born over-all creation."

**Colossians 1:18** – "And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and he firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy."

