

Discipleship Series: The Letter to the Hebrews
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2 aspects of **SON**:

1. his *Nature (substance...He is Eternal God)*
2. his *Work (....He came to make purification for sins/carries all things)*

Christ, fully divine, fully human:

PERFECT, MATURE, FAITHFUL, & RIGHT in His nature and being as the Eternal, Self Existent One & in all His work, acts, speech, and teaching in His life and ministry in the Incarnation.

The goal of Hebrews is “perfection” — to make sons from the Son: “disciples.”

For sons both aspects of their lives matter: Their **NATURE** or character— state of their whole being; and their **WORK** —behavior & labor in obedient response to God and His word.

Some of the titles of His name in Hebrews:

King
Messiah
Son of God
God
High Priest
Prince (Captain) of our salvation
Prophet
Apostle of our faith

Christ fulfills the 3-fold office of prophet (Deut. 18:14-22 God speaking to Moses: “I will raise up a prophet after you, him you shall hear [obey]), priest (Psalm 110:1-4 Holy Spirit through David: “You are a priest forever”), and king (Psalm 2 Father to Son “Your throne O God is established forever”).

Confirmation of the eternal nature of the Son and what it says about him in those four verses, among other places, Scripture confirms itself with:

Col 1:13-16 “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood

of his cross.”

7 things about the Son:

ETERNAL NATURE:

1. He's the image of the invisible God
2. He's the firstborn before all creation
3. all things were created by or in Him
4. He is eternally existent
5. all things hold together in Him

REDEMPTIVE WORK:

6. He is the head of the body, the Church
7. He's the beginning, the firstborn from the dead

The election of grace is the eternal beginning of all the ways and works of God in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ God in His free grace determines Himself for sinful man and sinful man for Himself. He therefore takes upon Himself the rejection of man with all its consequences, and elects man to participation in His own glory. Between God and man there stands the person of Jesus Christ, Himself God and Himself man, and so mediating between the two. In Him God reveals Himself to man. In Him man sees and knows God. In Him God stands before man and man stands before God, as is the eternal will of God, and the eternal ordination of man in accordance with this will. In Him God's plan for man is disclosed, God's judgment on man fulfilled, God's deliverance of man accomplished, God's gift to man present in fullness, God's claim and promise to man declared. In Him God has joined Himself to man. And so man exists for His sake. It is by Him, Jesus Christ, and for Him and to Him, that the universe is created as a theater for God's dealings with man and man's dealings with God. (Karl Barth, "The Election of Jesus Christ," Church Dogmatics II.2 pg. 94)

Phil 2:9 “Wherefore God also highly exalted Him [that's the King James], and gave Him the name which is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, things in heaven, things on earth, things under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Eph. 1:21: “God has exalted Jesus above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age, but also in the one to come.”

Derek Prince Greek

Hebrews 1: 5-14

“For to which of the angels did he ever say, “You are my son, I today have begotten you. And when he brings back again the firstborn into the world he says “and let all the angels of God worship him but of the angels he says, “who makes his angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire to the son (he says), “Your throne O God is

for the age of the age and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of his kingdom. You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness for this reason O God, your God, anointed you with the oil of rejoicing above your companions. You in the beginning O Lord founded the earth and the heavens are the works of your hands, they will perish but you remain and they will all grow old as a garment and like a cloak you will roll them up and as a garment they will be changed but you are the same and your years will never pass away but to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet. Are they not all ministering spirits, who are being sent forth to serve for those who are due to inherit salvation?”

Where does the authority of this revelation knowledge come from?

Scripture testifies of itself as Jesus testifies of Himself in the gospels:

V5a “and again “I will be to him for a Father and He will be to me for a son from 2 Sam 7:12-14(God’s prophetic promise to king David; comp. Matthew 22 face off with Pharisees) I will raise up your descendant—establish his throne forever & he will be a son to me”

V5b “For to which of the angels did he ever say, “You are my Son, I today have begotten you.”

from Psalm 2:7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

V6 And when he brings back again the firstborn into the world he says “and let all the angels of God worship him”

Refers to Christ after the resurrection as He reenters heaven (comp. Psalm 24)

Deut 32:43 “Rejoice, O nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance on his adversaries, and will atone for his land and his people.” From Septuagint “Rejoice O heavens with him and let all the sons of God worship him, rejoice O nations with his people and let all the angels of God give him strength(glory)”

V7 But of the angels he says, “who makes his angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire”

from Psalm 104:4 “he makes the wind his messengers, flaming fire his ministers”

V8-9 “to the Son (he says), “Your (son) throne O God is for the age of the age and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of his kingdom. You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness for this reason O God, your God, anointed you with the oil of rejoicing above your companions.”

from Psalm 45:6-7 “My heart overflows...Thy throne O God is forever and ever...(loved/hated)...therefore God, your God has anointed you with the oil of joy above your fellows.”

V 10-12 “you in the beginning O Lord founded the earth and the heavens are the works

of your hands, they will perish but you remain and they will all grow old as a garment and like a cloak or mantle you will roll them up and as a garment they will be changed but you are the same and your years will never pass away.

from Psalm 102:25-27

V13 But to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand til I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

from Psalm 110:1 the verse from Old Testament quoted most often in New Testament

v14 “Are they not all ministering spirits, who are being sent forth to serve for those who are due to inherit salvation?”

This verse sums Christ’s superiority to angels. He is the uncreated eternal pre-existent Son who is the Servant. Angels are servants who are created beings sent to serve the Son and His sons. Compare a head waiter to the Master of the feast. Angels are God’s messengers. Jesus is God’s Message!

“Hebrews is a book of contrast and comparisons. The prologue introduces the superiority of Christ over everything to which he can be compared. By “generation, commission, resurrection, and actual possession,” He has the right to be called Son. Because He is Son, He is better than the things spoken by the prophets in various ways in former times. He is better because he is the only begotten of the Father; He has been appointed heir by God himself; He has been raised from the dead and exalted to the throne of the universe; He has fulfilled the promise of a Davidic king. The fulfillment is better than the foreshadowing. The reality is better than the shadow. He is better because he is Son.” Peggy Haddad, MDiv Regent University

ASSIGNMENT:

List the “better things” brought out by the writer of Hebrews.