

**And This Will We Do, If God Permits**  
**An Expository Journey through the Epistle to the Hebrews**  
**Chapter 3: The Preeminence of Jesus Christ**  
**Hebrews 1:1-4**  
**23: The Preeminence of Jesus Christ: Part 8**

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Welcome again, my beloved in Jesus Christ. We are continuing our verse-by-verse journey through the **Epistle of Hebrews**, and today I want to continue to look at what the writer of **Hebrews** taught about the Preeminence of Jesus Christ. So let's open our Bibles and read **Hebrews 1:1-4** again together.

**1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,**  
**<sup>2</sup>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.**  
**<sup>3</sup>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,**  
**<sup>4</sup>having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.**

Now on the last broadcast, we were looking at the seven *excellencies* that the writer of **Hebrews** shows us in the second half of verse two and all of verse three. So let's read those verses again together.

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Now in these two verses, we can see seven very powerful excellencies about Jesus that we need to examine very closely. Those seven excellencies are:

1. His Heirship
2. His Creatorship
3. His Radiance
4. His Being
5. His Administration
6. His Sacrifice
7. His Exaltation

And on the last broadcast, we were looking at the second excellency that the writer of **Hebrews** gives to us. And that is the Creatorship of Jesus Christ, and today I want to continue to look at that second excellency by reading **Hebrews 1:2** again together.

**<sup>2</sup> 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.**

Now as we went over last time, the fact that only God creates, and the fact that Scripture clearly and repeatedly says that Jesus *is* the Creator, leaves us with no conclusion other than that Jesus is God. The Trinity is true, and God is one in Essence and is eternally manifested in the three distinct Persons of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

That makes Jesus to be the most unique Person who ever lived because Jesus was fully God and fully Man... in the same body, at the same time, without conflict or contradiction. Jesus was the Son of David in that He was the direct descendant of King David through both his mother Mary and his legal father Joseph. But Jesus was more than that. He was also the Son of Man because He was physically and literally born of a woman, even though His Conception and Birth were miraculous and virgin.

And it is interesting to remember that the Jews had no problem at all with Jesus being either the Son of David or Son of Man. They were fine with those two titles. But it was the *third* title that Jesus had that caused all the trouble back then, and that causes all the trouble today. Because in addition to Jesus being Son of David and Son of Man, Jesus was also the Son of God.

And that title was unique because it made Jesus to be Deity; it made Jesus to be equal with God; it made Jesus to be Divine. And to the Jew - who believed that there was only one God - that must be blasphemy.

You see, both the Jew of that day and the Jews of our day categorically reject the Deity of Jesus Christ. They reject the Virgin Conception and Birth; they reject the sinlessness of Jesus; and they reject the Doctrine of the Trinity. They have no problem with the concept that Jesus is a good man or a good teacher, or a noble person, or a good example, or a social activist... or a community organizer, or even a prophet. But that is as far as they will go.

To confess in the Lord Jesus and to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead is absolutely rejected by orthodox Judaism to this day. So because they do not confess with their mouths that Jesus is Yahweh in the flesh, and because they do not believe in their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, the Jew cannot go to Heaven because he is not saved. And likewise, the Jew rejects the notion that this Jesus is the Creator. So the writer of Hebrews goes to great lengths here to prove to his Jewish audience of the first century that, in fact, Jesus is the Creator because Jesus is God.

But now in our day, we are faced with another challenge to believing that Jesus is the Creator. We have in our day a pseudo-science - a false science - a teaching that impersonates science and that poses as the genuine article, and goes about discrediting even the notion that there is any Creator at all.

And spineless parents and spineless public school board members who are afraid of their jobs and who do not love Jesus, and who do not have the courage to stand up against the lie of evolution, bring textbooks into the classrooms of our children which promote and sanction a godless concept of life that is the basis of the moral decline of our nation.

And really and truly, dear friends, this doesn't have to be such a fight. All you need to do is look at the reality of what is being fed to our children in biology class, and even a moron like me can see that evolution is factually false and is not science at all, but is in fact a religion posing as science.

For example, the Bible says in **Psalm 14:1**:

## **The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”**

Now when God calls the atheist a fool, He is not just calling them names. He is making a *moral judgment* about them. God is saying that it is a wicked sin to deny the existence of God. And it is evil to accept any teaching that would endeavor to discount or disprove the existence of the obvious. That belief in a Sovereign Creator God is much more than just an opinion; it is more than a mental exercise. The Bible says that it is morally wrong to deny God.

A.K. Morrison, another brilliant scientist, tells us that conditions for life to exist on earth demand so many billions of minute interrelated circumstances appearing simultaneously, in the same infinitesimal moment, that such a prospect just randomly happening by accident becomes beyond belief and beyond possibility.

Now this much I do know. It takes a whole lot more faith to believe that the Universe is just a random accident than it does to believe that God created it all.

Consider just the vastness of our own universe. Our earth is approximately 26,000 miles in diameter. If you could somehow put 1.2 million earths inside the sun, you would still have room left for 4.3 million moons. The sun is 865,000 miles in diameter, and is 93 million miles from the earth. Our nearest star besides the sun is five times larger than our sun. The moon is only 211,463 miles away and you could walk that distance in 27 years. A ray of light travels at 186,000 miles a second, so a beam of light would reach the moon in only 1-1/2 seconds.

If you and I could travel as fast as light (186,000 miles per second), it would take 2 minutes and 18 seconds to reach Venus; 4-1/2 minutes to reach Mercury; 1 hour and 11 seconds to reach Saturn and so on. To reach Pluto, which is 2.7 billion miles from earth, it would take nearly 4 hours. Having got that far, we would still be well inside our known universe.

The North Star is 400 trillion miles from earth, but is still relatively near in terms of space. The star Betelgeuse is 880 quadrillion miles away (that's 880 followed by fifteen zeros). It has a diameter of 250 million miles, which is greater than the earth's orbit. And all of this Universe operates very precisely and very predictably, and in such a

disciplined and set order, that life on earth continues without interference from all of this action and reaction.

So where did all this come from? Who conceived it? Who made it? Do you really believe that all this just randomly happened without supreme intelligence and planning and design?

People who impersonate scientists now tell us that a large mass of matter suddenly and without warning just exploded, and that this “Big Bang” is what started the ever-expanding universe. But that doesn’t solve the problem. That doesn’t answer any of the questions. Where did the large mass of matter come from? Who made it? After all their research and all their great wisdom, the best that these jokers can come up with is that aliens left the seeds of human life billions of years ago when they were here. I kid you not; the people who most Americans laud as being so wise and brilliant honestly believe that life originated from aliens! That’s the best they have.

But the Bible says that Jesus Christ was the Maker of it all. And that is why we need to humble ourselves and worship Jesus Christ. He is above all things. He is the Agent through Whom God made all the Universe, and all that is and all that ever will be, both invisible and visible. He is the Agent and He is the Force and the Power and the Glue that holds all things together. Please read **Colossians 1:9-17** with me.

**9 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,**

**<sup>10</sup> so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;**

**<sup>11</sup> strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously**

**<sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.**

**<sup>13</sup> For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

**<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

**<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

**<sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

**<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.**

The Bible says that it pleased God to use Jesus Christ to make all things, and it pleases God yet to allow Jesus Christ to be the One by whom all things consist and have their being.

Well, I have to stop right here, but please join me on the next broadcast as we continue our journey through the Epistle of **Hebrews**. May God help us all.

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