

# Bible Study Manual: Episode 1 - Christ Above All: An Introduction to Hebrews

## Welcome Message

Hello and welcome to the Supernatural Life Forum Bible Study Series on the Book of Hebrews! In this first episode, titled *Christ Above All*, we explore the theological richness of Hebrews and its powerful reminder of the supremacy of Christ. This guide will help you delve deeper into the study and provide structured insights and reflection points.

## Introduction to the Book of Hebrews

### Why Study Hebrews?

Hebrews speaks to Jewish Christians who faced persecution and were tempted to return to old practices. Similarly, today's believers face distractions, discouragement, and false gospels such as transactional or legalistic teachings. This letter urges us to keep our focus on Christ and trust in His finished work.

### Authorship

- The author of Hebrews remains unknown. Suggestions include Paul, Barnabas, Apollos, or Luke.
- What is certain is that the letter was divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit.

### Audience and Historical Context

- Written for Jewish Christians struggling with persecution and tempted to revert to Old Testament practices.
- Likely written before AD 70, prior to the destruction of the Temple.

## Central Themes of Hebrews

1. **The Supremacy of Christ**
  - Hebrews 1:1-4 establishes Jesus as greater than angels, Moses, and the priesthood.
  - Jesus is not just a messenger; He is the ultimate revelation of God.
2. **The New Covenant**

- Hebrews 8:6-7 describes Jesus' covenant as superior to the old one.
  - Christ transforms the law and offers a better promise through His death and resurrection.
3. **Faith and Endurance**
    - Hebrews 11 highlights examples of faith from the Old Testament.
    - Hebrews 12:1-2 encourages believers to persevere by fixing their eyes on Jesus.
  4. **Jesus as High Priest**
    - Hebrews 4:14-16 and 10:10 present Jesus as the eternal High Priest who offered the ultimate sacrifice for sin.

## Structure of Hebrews

- **Chapters 1–4:** Christ's Supremacy
- **Chapters 5–10:** Christ's Priesthood
- **Chapters 11–13:** Faith and Endurance

## Detailed Study of Hebrews 1:1-3

### Scripture Text

“In the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom also He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.” — *Hebrews 1:1-3*

### 7 Ways Jesus Is Superior

1. **Jesus Is the Heir of All Things**
  - Reference: Hebrews 1:2, Colossians 1:15, Romans 8:17
  - Key Takeaway: Jesus is the rightful owner of all creation, and we are co-heirs with Him.
2. **Jesus Made the Universe**
  - Reference: Hebrews 1:2, Colossians 1:16, John 1:1-3
  - Key Takeaway: Jesus is the agent of creation, making time, space, and existence.
3. **Jesus Is the Radiance of God's Glory**
  - Reference: Hebrews 1:3
  - Key Takeaway: Jesus reveals the brilliance of God's majesty.
4. **Jesus Is the Exact Representation of God's Being**
  - Reference: Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:19, John 12:45
  - Key Takeaway: Jesus perfectly represents the essence of God.

5. **Jesus Sustains All Things by His Powerful Word**
  - Reference: Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:17
  - Key Takeaway: The universe is upheld by the Word of Christ.
6. **Jesus Made Purification for Sin**
  - Reference: Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:19-20
  - Key Takeaway: Jesus' sacrifice cleanses sin permanently.
7. **Jesus Sat Down at the Right Hand of God**
  - Reference: Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:18
  - Key Takeaway: Jesus' work is finished; He reigns victorious.

## Reflection and Application

- Take time to reread Hebrews 1:1-3 this week.
- Reflect on the seven ways Jesus' supremacy impacts your faith and daily life.
- Consider how you can trust Jesus as the ultimate revelation of God.

## Questions for Personal Study

1. How does the supremacy of Christ encourage you in times of doubt or discouragement?
2. In what ways can you live out the truth that Jesus sustains all things?
3. How can the reality of Jesus as the High Priest inspire confidence in approaching God?

## Closing Reflection

Hebrews 1:1-3 establishes a foundation for understanding Jesus' unparalleled greatness. As we continue this series, may this truth inspire us to worship and trust in the One who reigns supreme.

## Next Episode Preview

In Episode 2, we'll explore why Jesus is superior to angels and what that means for our understanding of His authority and mission.

## Call to Action

- Read Hebrews 1:1-3 this week.
- Share your insights in the comments or with a study group.
- Subscribe to the Supernatural Life Forum Channel to stay updated.

**Until next time, may you experience the fullness of Christ's love and grace. See you soon!**