

Hebrews 1: Jesus Is Better

A 5-Day Devotional Guide

Day 1: God Has Spoken

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-2

"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."

Devotional Thought

Communication changes over time. We have gone from handwritten letters to telegraphs, from landlines to smartphones, from cassette tapes to streaming services. Each advancement brings greater clarity and accessibility.

The writer of Hebrews begins by reminding us that God has always been speaking. Throughout history, He revealed Himself through prophets, dreams, visions, symbols, laws, and events. Every message was true, but every message was partial. Each prophet carried a piece of the puzzle.

Then Jesus came.

Jesus is not merely another prophet standing in a long line of messengers. He is God's final and fullest revelation. He is the complete picture. Everything God wanted us to know about Himself is ultimately revealed in Christ.

Many people claim to believe in God, but their understanding of God is often shaped by culture, experience, or personal preference. Hebrews reminds us that we don't define God—God reveals Himself. If we want to know who God is, we must look at Jesus.

When Jesus welcomes sinners, we see God's heart. When Jesus touches lepers, we see God's compassion. When Jesus dies on the cross, we see God's love. When Jesus rises from the grave, we see God's power.

God has spoken. The question is whether we are listening.

Reflection Questions

1. Where do you tend to look for guidance apart from God's Word?
2. How does knowing that Jesus is God's final revelation affect your confidence in Him?

3. What aspect of God's character do you most clearly see in Jesus?

Day 2: Seeing God Clearly

Scripture: Hebrews 1:3

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being."

Devotional Thought

Imagine standing outside on a beautiful morning. You cannot stare directly into the sun, but you experience its warmth and light everywhere. In a similar way, Jesus radiates the glory of God.

The author of Hebrews uses two powerful descriptions.

First, Jesus is the **radiance of God's glory**. He shines forth everything that God is.

Second, Jesus is the **exact representation of His nature**. The phrase refers to an exact imprint, like a seal pressed into wax. Jesus perfectly reveals God's character, nature, and essence.

This means that when we look at Jesus, we are not seeing a lesser version of God. We are seeing God Himself revealed.

This truth changes everything.

Many people picture God as angry, distant, impossible to please, or uninterested in their struggles. But Jesus shows us otherwise. He welcomes children. He forgives failures. He pursues the lost. He comforts the brokenhearted.

The more clearly we see Jesus, the more clearly we understand the Father.

The Christian life is not primarily about mastering religious activities. It is about knowing Christ. The deeper our understanding of Jesus becomes, the stronger our faith grows.

Reflection Questions

1. How has your view of God changed through your understanding of Jesus?
2. Are there false ideas about God that need to be corrected by what Jesus reveals?
3. What Gospel story best demonstrates God's heart to you?

Day 3: The Savior Who Sustains

Scripture: Hebrews 1:3

"Sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins..."

Devotional Thought

There are two incredible truths packed into this verse.

First, Jesus sustains the universe.

The stars remain in place because Christ holds them there. Every breath we take, every sunrise we enjoy, every moment of existence is sustained by His power.

Second, this same Jesus provided purification for our sins.

Think about that.

The One who created the galaxies is the One who carried your guilt.

The One who upholds the universe allowed Himself to be nailed to a cross.

The One who commands creation humbled Himself to save sinners.

Many people struggle with the question, "Can God really forgive me?" Hebrews answers with a resounding yes. Jesus didn't merely make forgiveness possible. He accomplished it. He provided purification for sins.

Notice the language: He **provided** purification. The work has been done.

You do not earn forgiveness through good behavior. You do not secure salvation through religious effort. Christ has already accomplished everything necessary for your redemption.

The Savior who sustains the universe is fully capable of sustaining you.

Reflection Questions

1. Which is harder for you to believe: that Jesus sustains the universe or that He truly forgives your sins?
2. Are you carrying guilt that Christ has already paid for?

3. How does Christ's power encourage you in your present circumstances?

Day 4: Jesus Is Greater

Scripture: Hebrews 1:4-14

"Let all God's angels worship Him."

Devotional Thought

The first readers of Hebrews held angels in very high regard. They were God's messengers and servants. Yet the author repeatedly demonstrates that Jesus is infinitely greater than the angels.

Why?

Because angels are servants. Jesus is the Son.

Angels worship. Jesus receives worship.

Angels were created. Jesus is the Creator.

Angels serve God's kingdom. Jesus rules God's kingdom.

The writer's goal is not to diminish angels but to magnify Christ.

We often do something similar today. We elevate things that should point us to Jesus. We can become fascinated with spiritual experiences, church traditions, personalities, programs, or religious systems.

None of those things are bad.

But none of them are Jesus.

Hebrews constantly asks us: What are you trusting? What has captured your attention? What occupies the highest place in your heart?

When Christ is viewed as merely one important part of life, our faith becomes fragile. But when we see Him as supreme over everything, our confidence becomes unshakable.

A small view of Jesus produces weak faith. A big view of Jesus produces courageous faith.

Reflection Questions

1. What competes with Christ for your attention and affection?
 2. Are there good things in your life that have become ultimate things?
 3. How does Christ's supremacy strengthen your trust in Him?
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Day 5: Don't Go Back

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-14

"The answer to a shrinking faith is not a bigger effort; it is a bigger vision of Christ."

Devotional Thought

The entire first chapter of Hebrews points toward one conclusion: Jesus is enough.

The original readers were tempted to go backward. The old ways felt familiar. The rituals felt comfortable. The pressure of following Christ made the past seem attractive.

We face similar temptations.

When life becomes difficult, we may be tempted to trust money instead of Christ.

When we are anxious, we may seek control instead of Christ.

When we feel empty, we may turn to success, pleasure, relationships, or distractions instead of Christ.

The message of Hebrews remains the same: Why go back when you have Jesus?

The answer to spiritual drift is not trying harder. It is seeing Jesus more clearly.

When we see His glory, we worship.

When we see His authority, we trust.

When we see His sacrifice, we rest.

When we see His sufficiency, we endure.

The Christian life begins with Jesus, continues through Jesus, and ends with Jesus.

Today, lift your eyes again. Whatever challenge you face, whatever burden you carry, whatever uncertainty lies ahead, look to Christ.

The One who created all things, sustains all things, redeemed you from sin, and reigns forever is holding you securely in His hands.

Reflection Questions

1. Where are you most tempted to "go back" instead of moving forward in faith?
2. What area of your life needs a bigger vision of Christ today?
3. How can you intentionally keep your eyes fixed on Jesus this week?

Weekly Challenge

Each day this week, spend five minutes reading one Gospel story about Jesus. Ask yourself one simple question:

"What does this passage show me about who Jesus is?"

Write down your observations and allow your vision of Christ to grow. The more clearly you see Him, the more confidently you will follow Him.

This guide follows the major themes of Hebrews 1: God's final revelation, the deity of Christ, His saving work, His superiority over all created beings, and the call to keep moving forward in faith rather than looking back.