

CHRIST
IS
GREATER
HEBREWS

1:1-4

The theme of Hebrews is
“Jesus Christ is worthy of your faith.”

The writer tries to show us this is by telling us that
Christ is greater than:

the prophets.

the angels.

Moses—Christ is a greater law giver.

Joshua—Christ is greater rest provider.

Aaron—Christ is greater high priest.

Abel—Christ blood is greater.

Christ Is A Greater Spokesman Than The Prophets.

Matthew 16:13-14

"Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Christ is greater than the prophets.

Matthew 16:15-16

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
And Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The Old Testament prophets spoke for God.
God's will was made known to man by the prophets.

Hebrews 1:1

God, who at various times and in different ways spoke
in time past to the fathers by the prophets.

These prophets had a particular message for a given
period of time.

Isaiah, the “Statesman Prophet”, sought to keep
God's people from forming an alliance with Egypt,
and depend on God instead.

Jeremiah, “The Weeping Prophet”, tried to secure
repentance and avoid Babylonian captivity.

Ezekiel sought to instill hope in the Jews who, in captivity, were like a “valley of dry bones.”

Amos is remembered as the prophet of
“Social Justice.”

To each prophet a fragment of God’s truth was revealed.

II Peter 1:21

For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

The different ways God spoke through the prophets may be seen in the different kinds of Old Testament writings:

Law

History

Poetry

Prophecy

The prophets were men, with human limitations and human weaknesses.

Isaiah said he was “a man of unclean lips,”
Isaiah 6:5.

Jeremiah said that he was “only a child”
Jeremiah 1:6

God's message through Christ is complete and final.

Christ message is greater and more superior than the prophets because:

Christ is Deity and is the creator and sustainer of the world and universe.

Hebrews 1:2-3

But in these last days He has spoken to us by a Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of His nature, upholding the universe by His word of power. When He had by Himself purged our sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Christ can create new men and women from sinful people.

He purged our sins by the sacrifice of Himself.

Hebrews 1:3

When He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 9:22-28

And according to the law almost all things are purged with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another, He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Christ can save those who come to God through Him.

Those in Christ are “a new creation.”

II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Christ is greater than all the prophets.

Christ Is Greater Than The Angels.

Angels are servants of God.

They are not be worshipped.

CHRIST IS TO BE WORSHIPPED!

Hebrews 1:4-14

Having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son"? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire." But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions." And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

CHRIST IS GREATER THAN THE ANGELS!

Christ Is Greater Law Giver Than Moses.

Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Moses spoke with God.

Exodus 33:11

So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

Moses spoke for God.

Acts 3:22-23

"For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall come to pass that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

Moses revealed the law.

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The law given by Moses was fulfilled by Christ.

Matthew 5:17

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

The law given by Moses was a temporary rule.

Galatians 3:22-25

But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

The law was nailed to the cross.

Colossians 2:14

Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Romans 7:4

Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another, even to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

We are not under the law of Moses.

WE ARE NOT UNDER THE 10 COMMANDMENTS!

Christ's law:

Is the Perfect Law of Liberty

James 1:25

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Frees us from our sin.

Romans 6:22-23

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Law of Moses could not free anyone from sin.

Hebrews 10:1-4

For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purged, would have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

Only the Blood of Christ can take away sin.

The law of Christ is for all.

Galatians 3:26-29

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Acts 10:34-35

Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him."

The Law that must be obeyed.

This was the meaning of the transfiguration.

Matthew 17:5

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him!"

We no longer listen to the Law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah).

We now listen to Christ

Obedience to Christ is a must.

Hebrews 10:28-31

Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, says the Lord." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Romans 6:16-18

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin which leads to death, or of obedience which leads to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Hebrews 5:8-9

Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

HAVE YOU
OBEYED
CHRIST?