

WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2014

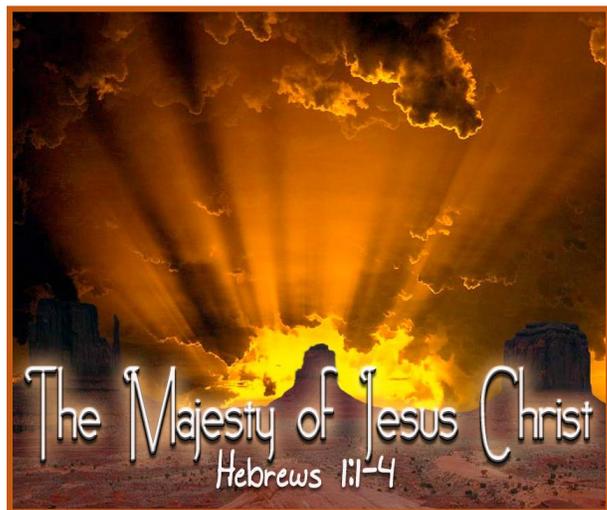
THEME: COME LET US ADORE CHRIST THE KING IN WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND STEWARDSHIP

Unit I – ADORING CHRIST THE KING IN ACTS OF WORSHIP

“THE MAJESTY IN WORSHIPPING CHRIST THE KING”

Sunday School Lesson No. I – December 7, 2014

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Lesson Text: Hebrews 1:1-9

Motto Text: Hebrews 1:1-3, *“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”*

Required Reading: Hebrews 1:1-9

Reliable Resources: Children’s Ministry Resource Bible; Precepts for Living, UMI; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator

LESSON INTRODUCTION

In our first lesson, we see God the Father presenting His Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ, as the most excellent personality! Christ is presented as having a personality more excellent than the prophets, angels, or any former proclamation! Now someone may ask, “How can you be sure that Jesus Christ is such an excellent person?” The answer is in the One who presents Him...God!

If one enters an office of an educator, they would see diplomas and certificates, symbols of accomplishment. In a coach’s office, there would be trophies, plaques, medals, etc. In the office of a business executive, one would find awards, achievements, a family portrait, etc. But notice above what the Almighty God says concerning the Excellency of His Son Jesus Christ in the Motto Text.

“What is worship?” one may ask. According to A. P. Gibbs in his book entitled Worship, “Worship is the overflow of a grateful heart, under a sense of divine favor...Worship is the outpouring of a soul at rest in the presence of God...Worship is the occupation of the heart, not with its needs or even with its blessings, but with God.” In this month’s lessons, all worship centers on the person of God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We will discover the majesty, meaning, momentous moments and miracles of adoring worship of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Anticipated Power Points:

- Christ’s Majesty Supersedes all the Prophets. Hebrews 1:1-3
- Christ’s Majesty Supersedes the Angels’ Power. Hebrews 1:4-9

OUTLINE

I. Christ’s Majesty Supersedes all the Prophets. Hebrews 1:1-3

A. He is God’s last word. vv. 1-2a

God, at different times throughout history and in a myriad of ways, has spoken to and through His prophets to the ancestry of mankind, but in these last days, that is, since the revelation of His Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ, speaks only to mankind through His revealed truth.

B. He is God’s living witness. vv. 2b-3

Jesus Christ is the unquestionable exclamation of the Father’s excellence embodied in flesh! We see in Colossians 1:17; *“And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”* Colossians 2:9; *“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”* Beloved, since the incarnation of Jesus Christ, there has never been nor will there ever be any need for new revelation from the true God! Mark 9:7 tells us, *“And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.”* Jesus Christ is God’s complete dissertation of Himself to all humankind! He witnesses for the Father as:

1. His visible co-regent. v. 2 “...*heir of all things.*”
Jesus serves as God’s equal in everything! John 17:21-22, “*That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.*”
2. His viable creator. v. 2 “...*he made the worlds.*”
Jesus is the creator of the universe! John 1:1-3, “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*”
3. His vivid clearness. v. 3 “...*brightness of his glory.*”
Jesus is the radiance or brilliance of God clothed in flesh. Mark 9:2-4, “*And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.*”
4. His very character. v. 3 “...*the express image of his person.*”
Colossians 2:9 – “Jesus is the exact representation of God.”
5. His valuable control of the universe. Colossians 1:16, “*For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.*”
6. His voluntary cleansing. v. 3 “...*by himself purged our sins.*”
Hebrews 10:5-7, “*Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.*”
7. His victorious completion. v. 3 “...*sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*”
Ephesians 1:20-23, “*Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right and in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*”
Remember, Jesus Christ is God’s living witness far excelling prophets, priests, pastors, or any potentate!

Christ is the Excellent Embodiment of the True God because:

II. Christ’s Majesty Supersedes the Angels’ Power. Hebrews 1:4-9

A. Excellent is His name. Hebrews 1:4-5

Philippians 2:9-11, “*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*”

B. Expressly worshipped even by angels. Hebrews 1:6

Luke 2:13-14, “*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*”

C. Elevated above all in Heaven. Hebrews 1:7-9

Revelation 5:11-12, “*And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*”

Beloved, the Hebrews writer helps us understand that the place of angels and that of the Son of God are not comparable. (Angels are messengers of Jehovah (v. 7) but Jesus Christ is Jehovah’s appointed Messiah and He shall reign forever and ever!)

CLOSING

Beloved, without controversy, Jesus Christ is the Excellent Embodiment of the True God, and He offers to as many as would believe in Him, everlasting life! Remember His earthly testimony at Nazareth, as told in Luke 4:18-19, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*” If you don’t know Him today, repent and believe the gospel, because Jesus Christ is the Excellent Embodiment of the True God!

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