

The Star Is Born Series
The Radiance of the Glory of God
Hebrews 1:1-4
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Jesus is **BETTER!**

Hebrews 1:1-4 — **1** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. **3** He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **4** having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

1. He is the **INHERITOR** of all things. v.2 “whom he appointed the heir of all things,”

Matthew 28:18 — **18** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

2. He is the **CREATOR** of the world. v.2 “through whom also he created the world.”

3. He is the **RADIATOR** of God’s glory. v.3 “He is the radiance of the glory of God”

Jesus is the radiator of God’s glory, not a reflection of God’s glory...there’s a big difference. The moon reflects the light of our sun. It doesn’t radiate the light, it doesn’t have any light of it’s own, it simply reflects the light that is shone onto it by the sun.

John 8:12 — **12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

2 Corinthians 4:6 — **6** For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

4. He is the **REPRESENTER** of God’s nature. v.3 “the exact imprint of his nature,”

5. He is the **SUSTAINER** of the universe. v.3 “he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”

6. He is the **PURIFIER** of all sins. V.3 “After making purification for sins,”

7. He is the **RULER** of all. v.3-4 *“he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”*

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Let's talk about the radiance of the glory of God...

1. How did God communicate to His people in days long ago (v.1)?
2. How did God communicate to us in these last days (v.2)?
3. How does God communicate to people today?
4. Why is it important for me to know that Jesus is “heir of all things” (v.2)?
5. What is the difference between Jesus being the radiance of the glory of God and Jesus being the reflection of the glory of God (v.3)?
6. Can you think of an example of Jesus upholding the universe by the word of his power (v.3)?
7. Why did sin need to be purified (v.3)?
8. What does sitting down at the right hand signify (v.3)?
9. What do angels do in God's creation (v.4)?
10. How did Jesus inherit a more excellent name than the angels (v.4)?