Valley Bible Church Sermon Notes for March 24, 2013

Christ is Superior to the Prophets Hebrews 1:1-2

How did the author of the Book of Hebrews see Christ as superior?

The author of the Book of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the Old Testament <u>prophets</u> (Hebrews 1:1-4).

The author of the Book of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the Old Testament prophets because he believed that Christ, being God's Son, was the <u>culmination</u> of divine revelation (Hebrews 1:1-2a).

The author of Hebrews will continue to drive home the magnitude of Christ's superiority to the Old Testament prophets by providing a sevenfold <u>description</u> of Christ (Hebrews 1:2b-4).

The author of Hebrews described Christ as God's appointed <u>heir</u> of all things (Hebrews 1:2a).

The author refers to Christ as God's appointed heir because at some future time Christ will take possession of what God has <u>promised</u> Him very much like an heir might take possession of an estate.

God's promise to His Son that made Christ the appointed "heir of all things," is most likely found in <u>Psalms 2:8</u>.

Because God's promise to His Son in Psalm 2:8 is the basis of the statement in Hebrews 1:2, we can conclude that the "all things" is referring to "all things" pertaining to this earth or in other words to Christ's <u>dominion</u> over the earth.

When Adam and Eve sinned against God, their once privileged position of having been given dominion over this world passed to <u>Satan</u> (Matthew 4:8; 1 John 5:19).

One day, based on the promise of God in Psalm 2:8, the dominion over this earth that Adam lost to Satan will be given to <u>God's Son</u> as His appointed "heir of all things."

We, as co-heirs with Christ, will <u>co-reign</u> with Him not only during His millennial kingdom but also throughout all eternity (1 Corinthians 6:3; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 5:10; 20:6).

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