

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for April 28, 2013**

**Christ is Superior to the Prophets**  
**Hebrews 1:3**

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 prophets (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 culmination of divine revelation (Hebrews 1:1-2a).

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

The author of Hebrews described Christ as God's appointed heir of all things (Hebrews 1:2b).

The author of Hebrews described God's Son, the Lord Jesus, Christ, as the one through whom God made the world (Hebrews 1:2c).

The author of Hebrews described God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the radiance His Father's glory and the exact representation of His nature (Hebrews 1:3).

The word "radiance" (AP AUGASMA) used only here in the New Testament carries the idea of "splendor" of "intense brightness."

The "glory" that the author is speaking of here in Hebrews 1:3 is the glory or honor that is associated with God Himself or in other words the sum total of all His perfections and attributes.

The word rendered "representation" (CHARAKTER) denoted an instrument used for engraving and later the impression made by such an instrument.

The word translated "nature" (HYPOSTASEOS) comes from a word meaning "substance."

May we by the grace of God through Christ put God on display by the way we live so that God might receive the glory, honor and praise that is due His name.