

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for May 19, 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 of His Father's glory and the exact representation of His nature (Hebrews 1:3).

The author of Hebrews described Christ as the One who upholds all things by the word of His power (Hebrews 1:3b).

Christ's relationship with the universe is that He "upholds" it or in other words He "sustains" it.

The Greek word that has been translated "upholds" or "sustains" is the Greek word PHERO which means to "bear" or "carry along" (Matthew 14:11, 18; 17:17).

The Greek word PHERO was chosen to describe Christ's work of carrying forward "all things" in a manner consistent with God's eternal redemptive plan until that plan is fully realized.

Just as Christ in obedience to His Father through the power of His word was able to speak the universe into existence Christ continues to be able through the power of His

Word to carry the universe forward in perfect conformity with His Father's eternal redemptive plan.

May God give us the grace to understand that if our plans are derailed by Christ as He upholds all things this is not a bad thing it is a good thing.