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Passage: Hebrews 1:1-3

Welcome back! Today we are kicking off our study in the book of Hebrews! The author of Hebrews is unknown, but it is an incredible book that holds ton of truths about Christ! The author's audience is a group of newly converted Jewish Christians who are suffering on account of their faith and they are contemplating whether to turn back to their old ways. However, the author of Hebrews writes to persuade them to **continue**.

READ & DIG. Read Hebrews 1 (underline anything that sticks out to you)

JESUS IS THE FINAL WORD (1-2)

Throughout the OT and really all of history, the Lord has **spoken to his people**. The God we serve desires a relationship with his creation. The main way in the OT that God spoke was through prophets. What we find here though in the book of Hebrews is that God has spoken **FINALLY** through his Son, Jesus! No longer do we wait for God to speak, *he has spoken*. We find God's voice in God's Word ultimately helping us understand who he is and how we can know him. Thankfully, we have access to God's Word which helps us to know Jesus through his Word.

So, for the weary suffers the author is teaching them there is no greater word from God than Jesus.

JESUS IS THE PICTURE OF GOD (3)

W.W.J.D... You've heard that, right? ***What Would Jesus Do?*** It's a question we ask ourselves when we find ourselves in certain situations wondering how Jesus would respond. Or maybe we ask the question – *What God is like?* This passage teaches us something similar. The beginning of V3 teaches us what God looks like. Sometimes, we have an abstract thought of who God is or what he is like. The passage shows us exactly what God is like – ***Jesus***. *Jesus is the exact imprint of his nature...* Jesus is the picture of God... how? why? *Because he is God*. Not only does this passage teach us that Jesus is the exact picture of God, but also, he holds power as *the God-man*. *"He upholds the universe by the word of his power."* This Jesus is holding all things together!

So, for the weary suffers the author of Hebrews is teaching them that this Jesus is the exact picture of God, even more – that he is God in the flesh; the God-man. There is nothing greater to trust in.

JESUS' WORK WAS FINAL (3)

In the OT the priests used to have to stand, all the time. They would stand to offer sacrifices. It seemed like they were always standing. The author of Hebrews throws in this not so little fact that after Jesus has *made purification for sins*, ***HE SAT DOWN*** at the right hand of the Majesty on high. He sat because his work, worked! There was no longer a need for sacrifice. ***Jesus did it all***. He also sat at the right hand of the Majesty on high (at the right hand of GOD!) because that is his rightful place – his throne. Because of who King Jesus is, he shall sit upon his throne, eternally.

So, for the weary sufferers, the author of Hebrews is teaching them just who they are following is greater than anything or anyone! He is the one that provides freedom from sin!

APPLY & GO (What now?)

King Jesus is the exact picture of God and is the very way sins are forgiven.

So, what do we do in light of these verses?

- **Trust in God's Word...** as truly the words of the Creator of all things – GOD!
- **Trust in Jesus...** for the forgiveness of sins! He provides forgiveness and peace!
- **Tell others...** about the great work Jesus has completed!