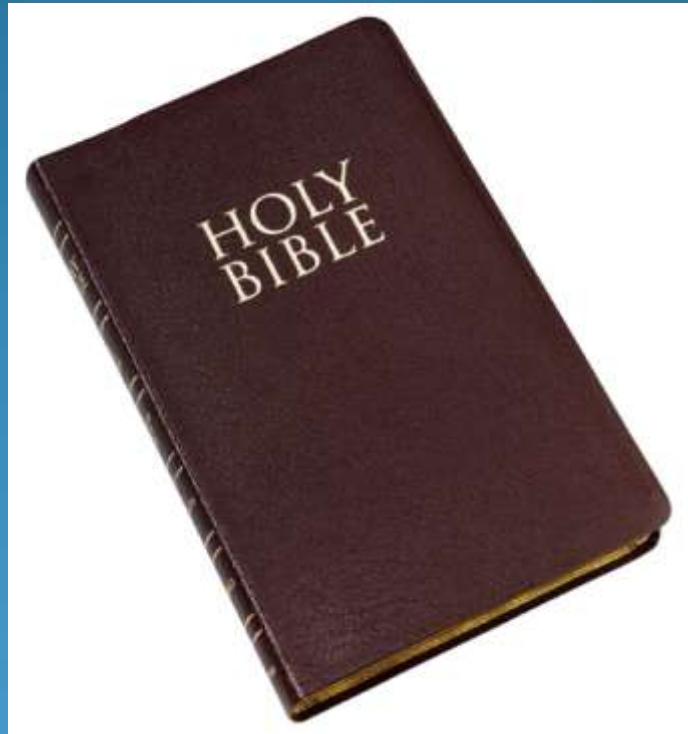


The Power of God's Word



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- “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

Hebrews 1:2

- has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds,

Hebrews 1:3

- Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Hebrews 1:4

- Having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”

Thoughts about Christ

- “Heir of all things” -- at the *end*
- “Through whom also He made” – in the *beginning*
- “Upholding all things” – in the *present*, now

- **By The Word of His Power**

Thoughts about Christ

- **His Person** - “Spitting image” of the Father
- **His Work** -- He purged our sins
- **His Position** -- Made so much better than the angels

A Better Name: Son not servant

A Better Place: Sitting not serving

Thoughts about Christ

- The angels were involved with revealing the Law of Moses (Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 2:1-4)
- The revelation we now have in Christ is far better than the Law--inasmuch as Christ is far better than angels.
- The value of the message is linked to the value of the messenger who delivers it.

Colossians 1:17

- “And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

II Peter 3:1-13

- Promises,
- Promises,
- Promises!

The Promise Ridiculed: 3:1-4

- Where is the promise of His coming?

The Promise Defended: 3:5-9

- The Role of the Word
- The Divine View of Time
- The Reality of Grace

The Promise Realized: 3:10-13

- “Will come the day of the Lord”
 - A melting, burning world
 - A new heaven and a new earth

Implications for Us Today

- Ya gotta have stuff to live,
- But ya don't have to live for stuff!

Jesus' Words:

- “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

- But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

- For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Be mindful of the:

- Words spoken by the prophets (the O. T.)
- Words spoken by the apostles (the N. T.)