

## Hebrews 1:3, Bible Devotions

### ☐ Monday - The Blazing Fire of God's Glory. Hebrews 1:3

In Exodus, chapter 3 we read, "The angel of the Lord appeared to [Moses] in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed" (Ex. 3:2). Further on in Exodus 3 the angel of the Lord identifies Himself as "God" (v. 6), whose name is "I AM" / i. e. Yahweh (v. 14). Careful study through the Old Testament reveals that the angel of the Lord is the Lord Himself; that is, a theophany. But since the only visible image of God is Jesus Christ (Col. 1:15), we can narrow down the identity of the angel of the Lord even further and say with confidence that this is a Christophany, a preincarnate appearance of Jesus Christ, God the Son. It is also worth noting that the angel of the Lord is never mentioned again after Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Finally, notice the bush was burning with a "blazing fire", but it was not consumed. Clearly, this was no ordinary fire, but the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ blazing before Moses. Read Exodus 24:15-17, Psalm 138:5

### ☐ Tuesday - Lord, Show Me Your Glory! Hebrews 1:3

Moses had gotten a peek of God's glory at the burning bush (Ex. 3), and he wanted more. Fast forward thirty chapters in Exodus and there is Moses crying out, "Lord, show me Your glory!" (Ex. 33:18). To this the Lord replied, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you ... but no man can see Me and live!" (Ex. 11:19-20). Yes, God "dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see" (1 Tim. 6:16). The reason is that God is absolutely, perfectly holy and man is sinful. As a result, no one can see the fulness of God's glory and live to tell about it (Psa. 5:4). And yet one day, dear Christian, in a new glorified sinlessly perfect body, you will see Him just as He is; that is, in all of His glory. "Everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure" (1 John 3:3). Read 1 John 3:1-10

### ☐ Wednesday - Radiance Versus Reflection. Hebrews 1:3

In Hebrews 1:3 we read that Jesus Christ "is the radiance of [God's] glory". Unlike the moon that reflects the sun's light but has no light of its own, Christ is not a reflection of God's glory, but is God Himself in all of His glory. In Christ is all the fulness of deity (Col. 2:9) and all the radiance of God's glory. So then, what is our response to One exalted in glory but to worship His holy name. Read John 8:12, 1 John 1:5

### ☐ Thursday - The Exact Representation of God. Hebrews 1:3

Jesus is the "exact representation" (NASB), "express image" (KJV), "exact imprint" (ESV) of God's nature (Heb. 1:3). Jesus said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9), "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). Elsewhere we read, "He is the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15); and again it says, "No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him" (John 1:18). Read John 17:1-5

### ☐ Friday - Suffering then Glory. Hebrews 1:3

Upon His first advent, the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to offer His life a ransom for many (Matt. 20:28). His deity was undiminished, but His glory was veiled for our sake. But one day, Jesus will return, not as a suffering servant, but as the King of kings in all of His glory (Rev. 19:11-16). And every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. Read Philipians 2:1-11