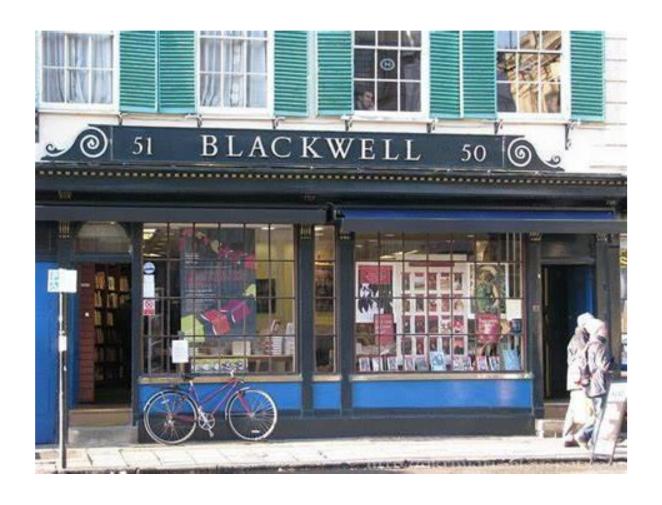


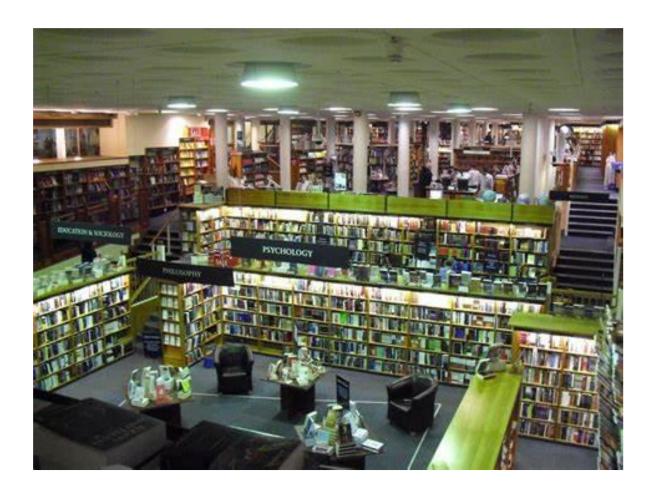


MY SOURCES

- Christ Above All by Adrio Konig
- Hebrews An Anchor for the Soul by R. Kent Hughes
- Christ-Centered Exposition by R. Albert Mohler Jr.

One clear theme, and that is the superiority (bigness, giantness) of Jesus Christ.





I. Verses 2 & 3 show us Jesus is superior simply in His BEING. In who He is! 1:1,2 "God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, <u>he has spoken to us by his Son.</u>"

1:2b, 3 "God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of his nature, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

WHO IS JESUS

- 1) He is God's <u>ultimate</u> and <u>final</u> word spoken to us.
- 2) He is the <u>heir</u> of ALL things
- 3) He is <u>Creator</u>. God made the universe through him.
- 4) He is the <u>radiance</u> of <u>God's</u> <u>glory</u>.

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- 5) He is the <u>exact expression</u> of God's nature
- 6) He sustains <u>ALL</u> <u>THINGS</u> by his powerful word.
- 7) He made <u>purifications</u> for our sins.
- 8) And then he sat down at the <u>right</u> <u>hand</u> of the Majesty on high

When it comes to the trinity, "we must dig for its meaning—what is it supposed to convey? It is a way of expressing the reality that somehow, in Christ, we meet God. This is its positive meaning. But let us try to be more specific. Though Christ is not God the Father, he is God as much as the Father is God. They, together with the Spirit, share in being God. Yet there are not three Gods, but only one. The three—the Father, Christ, and the Spirit—are together this one God." Adrio Konig

"If this is difficult to understand, try to stretch your mind a little. When that starts to hurt, bow before the mystery of God. After all, we are trying to speak of the one true God in the universe!" Adrio Konig II. Verse 4 shows us Jesus is bigger than—more superior to—the angels!

JESUS VS. ANGELS

- Verse 4—Jesus is superior to the angels
- Verse 5—Jesus is called His Son, none of the angels have been called that.
- Verse 6—The angels worshipped Jesus.
- Verses 7, 8 & 12 Jesus sits on a throne that will last forever. He's positioned at God's right hand.
 While angels are sent on continuous assignments, and an angel has never held that place of honor and authority.

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Examples we see in the Bible describe people whose attention was solely on God, not on Him sending angels. And that is a safe place for us to land our focus too. Just seek God, and if an angel shows up, cool.

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Adrio Konig III. Verse 2:1 shifts and starts to show us what Jesus' superiority and a bigger understand of who He really is, has the power to do. Jesus is our staying power. The ONE who can hold us steady in whatever life sets before us and will keep us from drifting.

Mohler says that "In the ocean, those who row in the wrong direction are not the only ones who fail to reach their desired destination; it is also those who do not row at all."

Practical practices that can anchor us to Jesus:

journaling, long walks with friends who know and challenge me, worshipping in a room with other people, having a prayer buddy to ask for and give prayers, having the hard, honest and real conversations in our small groups, being really consistent in the Word, acknowledging God when I first wake up in the morning,

avoid exposing myself to things that go against His Word, writing Scripture out, serving others, being super intentional about being silent and still with Jesus in the morning and just letting him speak and fill me, knowing the Holy Spirit is in me and His power to get me through, and seeing beautiful things in nature that God created...

2:8,9 "For in subjecting everything to him, he left NOTHING THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO HIM. As it is, we DO NOT YET SEE everything subjected to him BUT WE DO SEE JESUS..."

Two questions to sit in:

1. What part of our superior Jesus do you need to experience in your life today?

2. What part of your life could look more like Jesus?