

### Definitions of Terms in Hebrews 1:1–2:4

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- 1:1 **father** πατήρ *patér*. **2** one from whom one is descended and generally at least several generations removed, *forefather, ancestor, progenitor, forebear*.
- 1:2 **heir** κληρονόμος *kléronomos*. **2** one who receives someth. as a possession, *beneficiary*, fig. extension of mng. 1: in our lit. of God as the one who bestows... **a** of Christ ὃν ἔθηκεν κ. πάντων whom God has appointed heir of all things Hb 1:2
- 1:2 **son** υἱός *húis*. **2 c** of one whose identity is defined in terms of a relationship with a person or thing... deified rulers, above all the Roman emperors since the time of Augustus... Jesus... The voice of God calls him [my beloved Son] at his baptism Mt 3:17; Mk 1:11; Lk 3:22; ... and at the Transfiguration Mt 17:5; Mk 9:7; Lk 9:35 ...; 2 Pt 1:17.
- 1:3 **world** αἰών *aiōn*. **3** the world as a spatial concept, the world... Created by God through the Son Hb 1:2; through God's word 11:3.
- 1:3 **radiance** ἀπαύγασμα *apauγasma*. act. radiance, effulgence, in the sense of brightness from a source; pass., reflection, i.e. brightness shining back. The mng. cannot always be determined w. certainty. ... Philo uses the word of the relation of the Logos to God. Christ is described as ... radiance of his glory Hb 1:3 (the act. mng. in the Gk. fathers ... [light from light]).
- 1:3 **glory** δόξα *doкса*. the OT and Gr-Rom. perceptions of dependence of fame and honor on extraordinary performance deserve further exploration. ... The Common Gk. usage of δ. in sense of 'notion, opinion' is not found in the NT. ... **3** honor as enhancement or recognition of status or performance, fame, recognition, renown, honor, prestige.
- 1:3 **representation** χαρακτήρ *charactér*. **2** someth. produced as a *representation, reproduction, representation*, fig., of God... Christ is ... an exact representation of (God's) real being Hb 1:3.
- 1:3 **nature** ὑπόστασις *hypostasis*. **1** the essential or basic structure/nature of an entity, *substantial nature, essence, actual being, reality* (underlying structure, oft. in contrast to what merely seems to be... (God's) *real being* (i.e. as one who is in charge of the universe) Hb 1:3.
- 1:3 **purification** καθαρισμός *katharismos*. **2** cleansing from inward pollution, *purify*... bring about purification from sin (cp. Job 7:21) Hb 1:3. Cp. 2 Pt 1:9.
- 1:3 **right hand** δεξιός *deksios*. imagery of power... sit at someone's right, i.e. at the place of honor ... Hb 1:13
- 1:3 **Majesty** μεγαλωσύνη *magalōsuné*. a state of greatness or preeminence, *majesty*, used only of God.
- 1:3 **high** ὑψηλός *hypsélos*. =heaven ἐν ὑψηλοῖς on high (Ps 92:4; 112:5, cp. vs. 4) Hb 1:3.

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- 1:4 **excellent** διάφορος *diaphoros*. 2 pert. to being different, w. focus on value, *outstanding, excellent* ... a more excellent name Hb 1:4 (=1 Cl 36:2).
- 1:6 **firstborn** πρωτότοκος *prôtotokos*. 1 lit. pert. to birth order, *firstborn*... 2 pert. to having special status associated with a firstborn, *firstborn*, fig. ext. of 1 **a** of Christ, as the firstborn of a new humanity which is to be glorified, as its exalted Lord is glorified ... Ro 8:29 ... Hb 1:6.
- 1:6 **world** οἰκουμένη *oikoumené*. 1 the earth as inhabited area, exclusive of the heavens above and nether regions, the inhabited earth, the world ... Hb 1:6.
- 1:10; 2:3 **Lord** κύριος *kurios*. I. The primary mng. relates to possession of power or authority, in various senses: 'strong, authoritative, valid, ruling'... II. 2 one who is in a position of authority, lord, master... **b** of transcendent beings **α**. as a designation of God... LXX (where it freq. replaces the name Yahweh in the MT)... **γ**. κύριος is also used in ref. to Jesus: **κ**. in OT quotations... **λ**. the use of the word [Lord] raises Jesus above the human level.
- 1:14 **Inherit** κληρονομέω *kléronomeô*. 1 to be an inheritor, *inherit*... 2 *acquire, obtain, come into possession of* ... *someh*... Messianic salvation... [the earth] the kgdm. of God... *receive, share in eternal life*... [blessing].
- 1:14 **salvation** σωτηρία *sôtería*. 1 *deliverance, preservation*... 2 *salvation*... In our lit. this sense is found only in connection w. Jesus Christ as Savior. This salvation makes itself known and felt in the present, but it will be completely disclosed in the future. ... plainly expected to be fully culminated w. the second coming of the Lord.
- 2:1 **pay attention** προσέχω *prosechô*. In non-biblical wr. the prim. mng. 'have in close proximity to'; freq. act. as mostly in our lit. of mental processes 'turn one's mind to'... 2 to pay close attention to *someh*., pay attention to, give heed to, follow... Hb 2:1; 2 Pt 1:19.
- 2:1 **drift away** παραρρέω *pararreô*. in imagery of flowing water ('flow by'), *be washed away, drift away* ... *lest we drift away* (intr.) Hb 2:1.
- 2:3 **neglect** ἀμελέω *ameleô*. to have no care for, *to neglect, be unconcerned* ... about someone or *someh*. ... if we disregard so great a salvation Hb 2:3.
- 2:4 **confirm** βεβαιώω *bebaiôô*. 1 to put *someh*. beyond doubt, *confirm, establish*... *the saving message was guaranteed to us* Hb 2:3.
- 2:4 **gifts** μερισμός *merismos*. 2 *distribution, apportionment*... distributions of the Holy Spirit, i.e. of the various gifts proceeding from the Holy Spirit Hb 2:4.