

## A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

### JESUS IS THE RADIANCE OF GOD'S GLORY

Hebrews 1:3 “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word.”

According to a poll conducted by Lifeway research, “a clear majority of Americans (**72%**) say they believe in the classic Christian doctrine of the Trinity— one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Yet most of the respondents believe Jesus was merely a great human teacher and the Holy Spirit is a force.” Younger Americans increasingly believe that Jesus is not true God. They believe He was merely a human being.

God speaking (see yesterday’s devotion) says of Jesus that He “is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being . . .” (today’s devotional verse) The grammar of this sentence indicates what Jesus was before His incarnation (when he became the baby of Bethlehem) and what He will always be.

God says His Son “is the radiance of (His) glory. . .” Note the verb “is” which indicates Jesus is in this very present time the radiance of God’s glory. He is as you confess in the Nicene Creed, “God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God.” Jesus does not just reflect God’s glory, or reflect God’s light; He is that light.” Yahweh speaks through Him and He proclaims Yahweh’s holy name.

In the Athanasian Creed you as a Christian confess, “Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. Which faith unless every one keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic faith is this: that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence. For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal.”

Prayer: Jesus, I honor and praise You the radiance of Your Father’s glory and the exact representation of His being. Sustain me and all things by Your powerful word. Amen.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit; Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!  
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