

## God is Able: A Walk through the book of Hebrews

God is Able to Speak to Us Hebrews 1:1-4

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Comment [Sk1]:

**Big Idea:** God's communication to us is greater than it's ever been. The more we hear God speak ... the more we grow like Him.

"Expanding Souls encounter an expanding Christ." Kent Hughes

### The Passage:

Hebrews 1:1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

God desires to communicate Himself to us.

I. God has \_\_\_\_\_ in many ways. Hebrews 1:1

Hebrews 1:1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

A. God has spoken through His \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. 3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Acts 14:17 Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

**Our Response:** Ask God to show you His revelation through nature. Has He communicated to you in this way? Check out on youtube: "The Heavens declare the Glory of God" Francis Chan.

B. God has spoken through the \_\_\_\_\_. 1:1

Hebrews 1:1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

Hosea 12:10 "I spoke to the prophets, gave them many visions and told parables through them."

2 Kings 17:13 The LORD warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your fathers to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets."

Psalm 25:14 The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

II. God speaks through His \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 1:2

1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Hebrews 2:3 how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

Matthew 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

III. God speaks through His \_\_\_\_\_ . Hebrews 1:3

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. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still *speaks*, even though he is dead.

Hebrews 12:24 to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks *a better word* than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 13:7 Remember your leaders, who *spoke* the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

What does God say:

A. Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ of all things. Hebrews 1:2a

Hebrews 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

B. Jesus Christ is the creator of all things. 1:2b

Hebrews 1:2b, and through whom *he made* the universe.

C. Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ all things. 1:3

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. (Colossians 1:17)

Psalms 75:3 When the earth and all its people quake, it is I who hold its pillars firm. Selah.

D. Jesus Christ provides \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins. 1:3b

Hebrews 1:3b After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

**Our Response:** Seek to hear God speak in 2010. Seek Jesus Christ first and foremost. Seek Him in His Word in His creation and through the worship services. The more we hear His voice, the more we will grow like Him.

## **Background Information on Hebrews:**

Hebrews was written to a group of Jewish Christians. Their conversion had brought incredible persecution. (See Hebrews 10:32-34). The writer is encouraging them not to fall away but to press on (Hebrews 10:25, 2:1, 3:12). There is universal agreement that we do not know who wrote this book. Origen said, "Only God knows certainly who wrote this book."

Hebrews was written before 70AD. (See Hebrews 13:10)

The Epistle to the Hebrews reigns unchallenged as the best New Testament commentary on the Old Testament and its relationship to Jesus Christ. It makes clear that the sacrifices and other priestly activities were but shadows pointing forward to Christ, the once-for-all sacrifice for sin, the true Priest, the one mediator between God and man. Indeed, Hebrews may be considered a grand portrait of Christ with the Old Testament as its background.

Hebrews is a book of **examination**. During tough times this group of believers needed to see that their faith in Christ was "better" (13x), that they were made "perfect" (14x) by His sacrifice, and the blessings of God were eternal (9x).

Hebrews is a book of **encouragement**. (see 13:22, 3:13, 6:18, The encouragement is to really listen to the Word of God. If not we will begin to drift.

Hebrews is a book of **expectation**. The focus of this book is the future. (see 2:5, 9:15, 11:10,13, 26,12:2).

Hebrews is a book of **exaltation**. This book exalts the person and work of Jesus Christ. Jesus is superior to all the prophets and teachers. (Warren Wiersbe)