



The Book of Hebrews

The Son of God Speaks

A More Excellent Way

The book of Hebrews reveals to us the TRUE voice of God that is speaking today. Many voices are claiming to be the true way and they are loud and numerous. The book of Hebrews is also a guide to growing into maturity in the Messiah (Christ).

Background: The book of Hebrews was written primarily to 2nd generation Jewish believers who should have matured in the Lord but had not. A key thought for understanding this book is that IT IS written to believers, “partakers of the heavenly calling.” [3:1]

A. God Speaks In Time Past *Heb 1:1*

1. **Various times:** “diverse portions” KJV is revelation that came in successive portions. In portions over 1600 years.
2. **Various ways:** “diverse manners” KJV revelation was through creative acts, the Patriarchs, angels, in visions and laws.
 - a. **By the prophets:** The prophets who received direct revelation from God were filled by the Holy Spirit. *2Pet 1:21*

B. God Speaks in ‘These Last Days’ *Heb 1:2*

1. **What days?** The Greek reads ‘end of days’ where the word ‘end’ means termination. “At the end of these days,” was a common rabbinic term for ‘messianic’ days. The Old Testament is complete and the Messiah has come—we are in the days of the Messiah.

C. God Speaks Through His Son *Heb 1:2-3*

Here are seven reasons why the Son of God is eligible to be the FINAL revealer and authenticator of divine revelation:

1. **Heir of all things:** As heir He will exercise the Father’s authority over all creation. He cannot be less than God.
2. **Made the worlds:** The Gk word ‘world’ here means the ‘ages.’ He was in control of God’s program through the ages. He is the One who brought time into being and He controls all things connected with time.
3. **Brightness of God’s glory:** Jesus has the co-essence of deity; He possesses deity. The son reveals the fullness of God’s attributes. He is the out-raying or out-shining of God’s glory. He is the Shekhinah Glory. *See Ex 40:34-38*
4. **Image of God’s substance:** An expressed image—the very character of God’s substance.
5. **Upholds all things by His word:** Word here is ‘rhema’ the spoken word. His spoken command carries all things towards God’s final goal. This is the Son’s role throughout history. *See also Col 1:15-17.*
6. **Purged our sins:** He is man’s redeemer. This is His role in history—HisStory. With this expression, the preacher introduces the Messiah’s priestly work described in Hebrews 5-7.
7. **Seated at the right hand of God:** His sitting down emphasizes His finished work. The fact that He is at the right hand of God the Father emphasizes Him as equal to the Father and having absolute authority [1 *Peter 3:22*]. His present work at the right hand of the Father is to make intercession for us. (*Romans 8:34*)

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NKJV)

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

2 Peter 1:19-21 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; **20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Exodus 40:34-35 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. **35** And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested [Heb. shakan] above it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

Shekhinah – a Chaldee word meaning resting-place. The visible symbol of God's presence in the Tabernacle, and afterwards in Solomon's temple. When the Lord led Israel out of Egypt, he went before them "in a pillar of a cloud." This was the symbol of his presence with his people. God also spoke to Moses through the 'shekhinah' out of a burning bush.