**God Has Spoken!**

**Hebrews 1**

A few things to know about Hebrews:

1. No one knows for sure who wrote Hebrews. However, a very strong case can be made that it was written by the Apostle Paul.
2. As we read through Hebrews, J. Vernon McGee says that we will come to see that the Temple was still standing at the time it was written. Therefore, it had to have been written before 70 a.d., since the Romans destroyed the Temple in that year.
3. Hebrews can be divided into two sections:
* Section 1 consists of Chapters 1-10 which are doctrinal in nature.
* Section 2 consists of Chapters 11-13 which are practical in nature.
1. The writer was addressing the Jews of that day. That is why it is called An Epistle to the Hebrews.

This phrase, ‘In these last days,’ is a reference to the time of the Messiah. In other words, the coming of the Messiah ushered in the last days.

**1 Peter 1:20** “*He* [Jesus] *was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last days*.”

**GOD HAS SPOKEN:**

God has been speaking to us from the very beginning of time.

1. God has spoken to us through the **prophets**.
2. God spoke to our **forefathers**, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, and Elijah, just to name a few, in many times, and in many different ways.
3. In these last days, God has spoken to us by **His So**n. God gave us the written WORD; but in these last days, God has given US the living WORD.

**John 1:14** “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among US.”

**Jeremiah 33:3** “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you **do not know.”**

**GOD HAS SPOKEN BY HIS SON:** Who exactly is this Son? EIGHT truths about the Son:

1. The Son is the **heir** of all things.
2. The Son **created** all things. To speak of the Son as creator points to His deity. The Son IS God!

**John 1:1-4** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.”

1. The Son is the **radiance** of God’s glory!

“As the rays of light are related to the sun, and neither exists without the other, so Christ is the [radiance] of the divine glory. They are essentially one; that is, both are God.”—**Homer Kent**

1. The Son is the **exact representation** of God’s being or essence.

“As the imprint of the die perfectly represents the original design, so in Christ there is the display for those who have eyes to see God’s essence.”—**Homer Kent**

**Colossians 1:15** “He is the **image** of the invisible God.”

In **John 14:8-9** Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father**.”

1. The Son **sustains (***carries***)** all things by his powerful word.

**Ephesians 1:9-10** “And He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.”

1. The Son is the **purifier** of sins.

“There is no greater state than to get up from your knees knowing that God has forgiven every sin you’ve ever committed.” This is why the gospel is such good news.—R. C. Sproul

1. The Son is **seated** at the right hand of God.

**Psalm 2:6-9** “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill. I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter…”

**Genesis 49:9-10** “You are a lion’s cub, O Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse him? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until He comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.”

1. The Son is **superior** to the angels, as is **His name**.

“So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.”

* What is his name: JESUS—the very name Gabriel told Mary to name her son.
* JESUS—“God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name…”
* JESUS—the One who said, “Before Abraham was born, I AM!”
* JESUS, JESUS JESUS, There’s just something about that Name.