

SERMON OUTLINE

Hebrews 1:1-4 reveals 2 ways that God has spoken.

- I. God spoke by the prophets (v. 1e).
 - A. Long ago (v. 1a)
 - B. At many times (v. 1b).
 - C. In many ways (v. 1c).
 - D. To our fathers (v. 1d).
- II. God has spoken by His Son.
 - A. In these last days (v. 2a).
 - B. By His Son (v. 2b), who is:
 1. Heir (v. 2c).
 2. Creator (v. 2d).
 3. Revealer:
 - a. Of God's glory (v. 3a).
 - b. Of God's nature (v. 3b).
 4. Sustainer (v. 3c).
 5. Sacrificial Savior (v. 3d).
 6. Exalted King (v. 3e).
 7. Better (v. 4).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 5, 2020

Passage: Hebrews 1:1-2

Memory Passage: Hebrews 1:1-2

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 1:1-2.** To what period of time does “long ago” refer?
- (b) In what different “ways” did God “speak” in the Old Testament?
- (c) Who is being referred to by the phrase “our fathers?”
- (d) Which “prophets” are being referred to, and what did God “speak” to them?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 1:1-2.** Why is it important to understand and believe that God spoke in the Old Testament?
- (b) What period of time is referred to by the phrase “in these last days” (support your answer with Scripture)?
- (c) What do the different verb tenses (“spoke” in v. 1; “has spoken” in v. 2) tell us about the contrast between (cf. “but” in v. 2) the speaking in v. 1 and v. 2?
- (d) Why is it important to understand and believe that God “has spoken” “in these last days?”

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 1:1-2.** Biblically speaking (i.e. using your developing knowledge of Biblical theology), who, other than Jesus, is “God’s son” (cf. e.g., Gen. 6:2, 4; Ex. 4:22-23; 2 Sam. 7:14; Job 1:6; 2:1; Ps. 2:7; 82:6; 89:19-29; Hos. 11:1; Rom. 8:12-23; et. al.)?
- (b) In what ways, exactly, has God spoken “by his Son” (support your answer with Scripture)?
- (c) How is Jesus the “heir of all things,” and how is this concept related to His Sonship (cf. Ps. 2:6-8; 89:26-27; Rom. 1:3-4)?
- (d) When was Jesus “appointed” as heir of all things?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb 1:1-2.** How did God create the world “through” Jesus (cf. John 1:3, 10; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16-17)?
- (b) Why was it important for the author to describe Jesus as His Son, Heir, and the One through whom he created the world in direct correlation to God’s act of speaking in these last days?
- (c) Think through the relationship between Jesus being the Son, the heir of all things, and the One through whom the world was created. Write a paragraph describing what insights you gained by contemplating this profound & glorious mystery.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 1:1-2.** Summarize what you have learned this week about God the Father and God the Son.
- (b) As you consider that God has spoken in these last days by His Son, what implications does this truth have for (1) your own Bible study; (2) preaching & teaching at the Bible Church; (3) your understanding of truth; (4) your sanctification & obedience; and (5) your discipleship of others?
- (c) As you consider that Jesus is both heir of all things and creator of His universe, how does this affect your understanding of your stewardship of His creation?
- (d) In what ways does Hebrews 1:1-2 help you interact with and witness to those who hold to ideas such as (1) all truth is relative, determined by the individual, and equally valid; (2) faith is not something to be considered because it can’t be scientifically proven; (3) everything, including faith, is a product of and can be explained by the natural world we can see?

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God Has Spoken by His Son