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GOD'S FINAL WORD IS JESUS

Hebrews 1:1-3

Introduction: God has spoken—We haven't found him, he revealed himself to us!

I. God's Prior Way of Speaking (v.1)

- A. When? "Long ago"
- B. To whom? "our fathers"
- C. How? "at many times and in many ways . . . by the prophets"
 - o God has always appointed special people to speak for him. Who are some of the major OT prophets?
 - o Writings of the prophets are contained in the Old Testament. It is not their voice but God's!
***There's nothing wrong with the Old Testament—it is not obsolete just incomplete. It's like a play with no final act.*

II. God's New and Final Way of Speaking (v.2-3)

- A. When? "in these last days"
 - o Notice that the author believes that he is in the "last days"
 - o The "last days" does not refer to a quantity of time, but a quality of time—it is the time after Christ has come and before Christ returns again
- B. To Whom? "to us"
 - o Notice how personal this. God has spoken to us, his people. Are you listening?
- C. How? "through his Son"
 - o King: Christ is the Ultimate Ruler
 - Heir of all things (v.2)
 - Creator of all things (v.2)
 - Upholds the universe (v.3)



- o Prophet: Christ is the Ultimate Revealer of God
 - Radiance of the glory of God (v.3a)
 - Exact imprint of his nature (*kai. carakth.r th/j u` posta,sewj auvtou*)/ (v.3a)
- o Priest: Christ is the Ultimate Savior from Our Sins
 - Made purifications for sins (v.3b)
 - Sat down on the right hand of God (v.3b)

***Notice there are seven attributes of Christ listed here—symbolic of perfection and fullness D.*

D. Implications:

- o God has given you a clearer, fuller revelation of God than he gave the OT prophets!
*** If we should listen to the OT prophets, how much more should we listen to Jesus!*
- o Jesus is not just a greater revelation of God, he is the FINAL revelation of God. There is no other revelation to look for or wait for.



Discussion Groups

1. To what other places do you sometimes turn to hear God “speak” besides Jesus and the prophets?

2. What characteristics of Jesus stood out to you from this passage? How did those encourage you?

3. How should Jesus’ position of power and exaltation change/affect your everyday life?

