

## INTRODUCTION TO HEBREWS

- A. Original Recipients: “Epistle to the Hebrews”—name based upon the content
- B. Date and Occasion—before 70 AD, between start of persecution and destruction of the temple
- C. Author Anonymous—
- D. Qualities—Faith anchored in history and reality beyond this life
  - 1. Doctrinal
  - 2. Practical
  - 3. Beautiful
  - 4. Encouraging

## GOD HAS SPOKEN

Heb 1:1-4

- I. The God Who Speaks (1-2a)—personal, relational, involved
  - A. **Long Ago**—He’s been speaking for a long time.
    - 1. **God had a plan to redeem.**
    - 2. **God took the initiative to communicate.**
  - B. **Many Times**—history, an epic developing story of which we are a part
  - C. **Many Ways**—through the prophets, recorded in Scripture
  - D. **These Last Days**—fulfillment of God’s promise made through the prophets
    - 1. **The Greatest Messenger** (Jn 1:18)—authority of God’s Son, not just a servant or prophet.
    - 2. **The Best News** ()—continuity with past but now climax, fulfillment

- II. **The Son of God** (2-3)—the epic hero of human history
- A. **Heir of All Things** (Rom 11:36)—the one it is intended for, who will own it
  - B. **Creator of the Universe** (Jn 1:3; Lk 8:25; Col 1:16)—pre-existent glory
  - C. **Sustainer of the Universe** (Col 1:17)—active power and authority
  - D. **Divine** (Jn 1:1 & 8:58 & 10:30; Rom 9:5; 2 Cor 4:4; Ph 2:6-7; Col 1:15, 16)—***Mystery of the Trinity***
    - 1. **In Nature God** (3a)
    - 2. **Distinct from the Father** (3b)
    - 3. **Superior to Angels** (4)
- III. **The Redeemer of Sinners** (3b)—Salvation is all of God.
- A. **He planned it** (1 Pet 1:20)—from the foundation of the world
  - B. **He promised it** (Gen 3:15; Lk 24:27)—continually through the prophets
  - C. **He provided it** (Gen 22:14; Jn 1:29 & 19:30)—at His own expense

**LISTEN: “Uncreated One” (Chris Tomlin)**

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