

GOD'S LAST WORD – HEB 1:1, 2

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INTRO: The Hebrew Christians at first continued in the Temple. But now persecution arose and drove them out of the Temple- confiscated their goods and stoned some to death. Under great persecution, many wilted & renounced Christianity- returning to Judaism. This epistle was written to comfort the remaining believers-Note the “we have’s”- Though they lost the Temple- they gained a better priesthood, a greater high priest, a better sacrifice, a better access to a better holy place. They gained an altar of which the Temple priests had no right to eat. To lay the foundation for these great truths, the opening words of the book scale the heights and plumb the depths.

Read vs. 1-3

I. GOD HAS SPOKEN UNTO US IN SON.

- a. God has spoken unto the fathers by the prophets.
- b. ILLUS: 4 ways God spoke- prophets- inspiration, Urim & Thummin & Bathcol-
- c. They were greatly impressed with the prophets- God had sent his angels with his word to his prophets- In Acts “who have received the law by the disposition of angels and have not kept it.”
- d. They felt themselves highly favored by the repeated ministry of Angels-
- e. BUT GOD HAS NOW SPOKEN IN A GREATER WAY
- f. God has spoken by his son who is far greater than the angels.
- g. ILLUS: of Luthers using the 2 men bringing back the grapes from Eschol. The front man like the OT- not seeing what he carried- the back man like NT seeing both the front man and seeing what he carried
- h. The authority of the prophets lay in the authority of the one who sent them- they had no authority of their own. But when God sent His Son- the authority was in the messenger. “Ye have heard it said- but I say unto you”
- i. No man hath seen God at any time, but the only begotten son, which is in the bosom of the father, he hath told him forth.
- j. All of the secrets in the bosom of the father were known to Jesus Christ. No wonder that he spake as never a man spake.
- k. The ability of the prophets to answer questions and to solve problems depended upon the power and wisdom they were given. But here is one who can solve any problem and answer any question. He did not need to ask to get the answer.

II. THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY WHICH RESTS UPON THEM TO WHOM THE SON HAS SPOKEN

- a. Jesus Christ is God’s final word. To those who refuse to hear him, there is nothing that remains but the wrath of God.
- b. ILLUS: The master’s last word- he first sent his servant and finally his son- but when the sun was refused & killed- the master had spoken his final word- He sent his servants and destroyed the workers in the vineyard.

- c. God has magnified his word above all his name.
 - i. His word spoken by angels thru the prophets was not to be despised- every disobedience and digression received a just recompense.
 - ii. IT IS AS though the writer could see lost men of that former age in the flames of torment, each disobedience receiving the exact degree of punishment it deserved.
 - iii. The unanswerable question- if this was true- if the word spoken was true- if the word spoken by angels was steadfast & each transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT DO GREAT SALVATION WHICH AT THE FIRST BEGAN TO BE SPOKEN BY THE LORD?

CONC: Dr. Truett's story of Jim- Not tonight George

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