

Hebrews

1-12-25

Hebrews 1:1–2 (ESV)

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, “God spoke” to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days “GOD has spoken” to us by HIS Son, whom GOD appointed the heir of all things, through JESUS also GOD created the world.

We are going to spend some time in the book of Hebrews. This book was written to the Jews who had a strong understanding of the OT and explains to them how Jesus fulfilled OT Scripture revealing HIMSELF as the Messiah. Therefore, more than any other book in the NT with Matthew being a close second, Hebrews focuses on Jesus in the OT.

Therefore, verse 1, “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets meaning in the OT.” But now something different has happened, verse 2, “In these last days meaning the NT, God has spoken to us by HIS Son, Jesus, whom God appointed the heir of all things. Plus, through Jesus, God created the world.

John 1:3 (ESV)

All things were made through Jesus, and without Jesus was not anything made that was made.

The Jews always knew God as creator.

Nehemiah 9:6 (ESV) NO/OH

You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.

But now Jesus is identified as the One through whom God actually did the work of creation. Thus, the deity of Jesus is revealed and HIS attributes of deity are now clearly and powerfully stated.

Hebrews 1:3a (ESV)

Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of God's nature, and Jesus upholds the universe by the Word of HIS power.

“Exact imprint” is an unusual word used only here in the NT. It means a stamped image, an exact *copy*, an exact representation. Jesus is the exact image of God. Not only that, but Jesus also upholds, sustains, the universe by HIS Word.

The Greek for “word” used here is “Rhema” meaning specific word. The specific word of Jesus holds the universe together. In the same way as the specific Word created, the specific Word sustains. Majesty! **If Jesus didn’t speak or held HIS breath the universe would cease to exist.**

Think about it! Job understood this about God.

Job 34:14–15 (NIV) NO/OH

¹⁴ If it were God’s intention
and he withdrew his spirit and breath,
¹⁵ all humanity would perish together
and mankind would return to the dust.”

This same truth is proclaimed in Colossians.

Colossians 1:17 (ESV)

And Jesus is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Jesus is before all things which literally means that Jesus existed before time began. Jesus who created the universe also sustains it. **Jesus holds all things together. Let me repeat what Job, Hebrews, and Colossians all indicate:**

“If Jesus ceased to speak or held HIS breath the universe would cease to exist.” How big is our God? This is why God says that the heavens are a witness to God and the deity of our LORD Jesus Christ.

Psalm 19:1 (ESV) NO/OH

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Isaiah 40:25-26 (NIV) NO/OH

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.

**Therefore, after declaring the majesty of Jesus,
Hebrews declares the purpose of Jesus.**

Hebrews 1:3b (ESV)

After making purification for sins, Jesus sat down at
the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews is all about Jesus and our redemption.