Christ: “Appointed Heir Of All Things”

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Text: Heb. 1:1-4

### Intro

1. Heb. 1:1-4
   1. God has Spoken, to the fathers long ago by the prophets in various ways, and in His Son.
   2. God’s word is Powerful
   3. God’s word is Final (complete)
2. Man seems to have a tendency to underestimate the power and importance of God’s word.
   1. Naaman wanted a miracle (show) instead of obeying God’s word – *II Kings 5*
   2. The rich man wanted one to return from the dead to warn his brothers – *Lk. 16:27-31*
3. God’s word (written and spoken) is powerful – Heb. 4:12: Can judge thoughts and intentions!
4. God has spoken in His Son, and man needs to listen!

#### The Prophets and the Son

* 1. Heb. 1:1-2
     1. The prophets spoke long ago, and now the Son has spoken, with emphasis on the importance of the Son’s word.
  2. The prophets were God’s spokesmen – II Pet. 1:16-21 (Spoke for God as He directed)
     1. They did not speak on their own initiative but were “moved by the Holy Spirit” *(Jn. 16:13; II Tim. 3:16)* and their message was from God (II Pet. 1:20-21).
        1. Christ was exalted by God (II Pet. 1:16-18)
        2. Christ’s coming was fulfillment of God’s word (a lamp) – II Pet. 1:19
        3. Christ sent the Holy Spirit to guide apostles “into all truth” – Jn. 16:13
     2. Their message was in “in many ways” (NKJV: “different ways” – Heb. 1:1)
     3. Their message looked toward the coming of “The Prophet” – Acts 3:22-24
  3. God has spoken in His Son
     1. Christ is “heir of all things” and has “all authority” – Heb. 1:1; *Mt. 28:18*
     2. He is the Creator of the world – Heb. 1:2-3; Col. 1:16-17
     3. He sustains the creation; “in Him all things hold together”–Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:17
     4. He is God, but became flesh for the sake of man – *Phil. 2:5-8*
     5. He lived a sinless life while on earth – II Cor. 5:21; I Jn. 3:5
     6. He made “purification of sins” – Heb. 1:3; *9:24-28*
     7. He is recognized as superior to the angels in Heaven – Heb. 1:4
        1. God called Christ, “My Son” and commanded men to “listen to Him” – Heb. 1:5; *II Pet. 1:17-18; Mt. 17:5*
        2. God commanded angels to worship Him – Heb. 1:6
     8. Christ’s word will outlast the heavens and the earth – Mt. 24:35; Jn. 12:48
     9. He sits at the right hand of God – Heb. 1:3, 13; *Acts 2:33; 5:31; 7:55; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1*
  4. God’s message through His Son is superior to that of the prophets, being a greater spokesman than the prophets! *(II Pet. 1:16-21: Prophets spoke as God commanded)*

#### “Many Ways” and the Son

* 1. Heb. 1:1-2
     1. God spoke “to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways.”
     2. God has spoken “to us in His Son.”
  2. God spoke to the fathers by the prophets in “many ways” (“different ways” – NKJV)
     1. The prophets spoke to the people of God and to the nations around them with messages appropriate for their time.
        1. Amos and Hosea spoke to Northern Ten Tribes of Israel with a message pertinent to them.
        2. Jonah spoke to Nineveh with a message specifically for them.
        3. Isaiah and Jeremiah spoke to Judah with a specific message, especially Jeremiah, who said, “Bend the knee to Nebuchadnezzar to live.”
        4. Haggai and Zephaniah spoke to the returned exiles with a message to rebuild the temple of God.
     2. While their messages contained words of repentance and condemnation for sin universal to all mankind, they were sent for a specific purpose.
  3. God’s Son spoke for all mankind of every time period – *Jn. 12:48;* *Acts 17:30-31*
     1. All men have sinned so need salvation – Rom. 3:23; 6:23
        1. One cannot learn of salvation from Isaiah and Jeremiah.
     2. Christ has the “words of eternal life” – Jn. 6:68 *(Jn. 16:13: Sent Holy Spirit)*
     3. Christ makes men complete – Col. 2:9-10
        1. II Pet. 1:1-4: All that one must do to become a child of God and receive eternal life in Heaven has been revealed through Christ!
  4. God has spoken in His Son and His word is final and complete! *(Heb. 1:1-2; Jude 3)*

#### The Binding Word of God and the Son

* 1. The word spoken by angels was binding – Heb. 2:1-2
     1. Sodom and Gomorrah – Genesis 19
     2. The Law of Moses (ordained by angels) – Acts 7:53
     3. Samson’s birth and Nazirite life – Judges 13
     4. John the Baptist being born and named – Luke 1
     5. Jesus’ birth by Mary, a virgin – Luke 1
  2. The word spoken by the prophets was binding – Lk. 16:29, 31; Mt. 22:40; 26:56
     1. Samuel to Saul: Saul’s death – I Samuel 28
     2. Elijah on Mt. Carmel: Contest between God and false gods – I Kings 18
     3. Elisha to Naaman: Healing of leprosy – II Kings 5
  3. One who transgressed the Law of Moses died without mercy – Heb. 10:28
  4. Peter used three cases to prove God means what He says *(II Pet. 2):*
     1. God did not spare the angels that sinned – II Pet. 2:4 *(Jude 6)*
     2. God did not spare the sinful world in the days of Noah – II Pet. 2:5
     3. God did not spare Sodom and Gomorrah – II Pet. 2:6
  5. If God’s word was binding when He spoke in “many ways” by the prophets, how much more binding is His word when spoken through His Son!?
     1. How can men escape if they “neglect so great a salvation?” (Heb. 2:2-4)
     2. There is no other sacrifice for sins! (Heb. 10:11-12)
     3. One who disobeyed the Law of Moses died without mercy, it will be much severer for the one who “trampled underfoot the Son of God” (Heb. 10:29).
  6. God’s word is final and men must listen to His Son! *(Mt. 17:5; Jn. 12:48)*

## Conclusion

1. God has spoken:
   1. By prophets in “many ways”
   2. In these last days in His Son
2. If God meant what He said by the prophets, He surely means what He says through His Son!
   1. Mt. 25: 31-34, 41, 46: There is a day of judgment fixed where punishment and reward will be given according to our deeds (and to how we respond to His Son – Jn. 12:48)
3. As “heir of all things” it is Christ mankind needs to listen to!
   1. Respect the word of God and Christ! *(Heb. 1:1-4)*
   2. Be obedient to Christ’s word of salvation! *(Heb. 5:9; Js. 1:21)*
   3. Be faithful to Christ! *(Jn. 8:31-32)*
4. Have you listened to and obeyed the word of the Son? *(Mt. 17:5)*
5. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent and be baptized into His name!
6. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
7. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!