

Jesus, God's Final Word

Hebrews 1:1-3

Introduction

- A. Have you ever said, "That's my final word on the subject!"?
 - 1. Maybe - "That's it, I'm not saying anymore!"? Or even, "That's my last word on it!"?
 - 2. That is exactly what God is saying to us through inspiration of the writer of the Hebrews letter
 - 3. He tells us that He has spoken to man in many different ways in the PAST, but NOW He speaks to us in and through His Son - God's final word on the subject
 - 4. What subject - The subject of man's obedience and salvation
- B. There are many who believe, who hold the position, that God simply created us, put us here on this earth and then stepped back to watch what happens
 - 1. They do not believe that God participates in the daily lives of mankind
 - 2. They do not believe that God actively guides the affairs of the world
 - 3. Of course, if this were true, God would have no reason to actually speak to man in any way at any time whatsoever
 - 4. Our text for today clearly denies any such conclusion
 - 5. Our text clearly states that God has played an active part in the affairs of man from the beginning of time to the present

I. He Spoke to the Fathers - Verse 1

- A. A reference to the early part of the Old Testament
 - 1. A time we refer to as the Patriarchal period of Bible history
 - 2. This begins at the time of creation and goes through the giving of the Law of Moses at Mt. Sinai
- B. God spoke to the heads of the family in a very personal way
 - 1. Adam - **Genesis 3:8**
 - 2. Noah - **Genesis 6:13 - Genesis 9**
 - 3. Abraham - **Genesis 12:1-3**
 - 4. God also spoke to others such as Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses among others

II. He Spoke to the Prophets - Verse 1

- A. This includes several different methods of God speaking to and through men
 - 1. The Priests
 - 2. The Judges
 - a. In the book of Judges, God speaks to both men and women such as Gideon, Samson and Deborah through various methods such as angels and visions
 - b. God then used these individuals to lead His people and overthrow those who had them enslaved
 - 3. Prophets
 - a. Men such as Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, Nathan and Isaiah
 - b. Great men of God through whom He spoke to His people

B. The problem was - That no one listened!

1. In spite of the great Patriarchs - Men in general still went off into sin
2. In spite of having the Law of Moses to follow and Judges to lead them, Israel still continually rebelled against God
3. In spite of the great prophets, Israel continued in rebellion and failed to return to God
 - a. They failed in obedience, in faith and in service

III. But Now - God Has Spoken His Final Word, Sent His Final Messenger - Verse 2

A. He sent His Son in the flesh to show us Himself

1. Verse 3
2. Jesus came, lived and died for one purpose and one purpose only - To save men's souls -
Luke 19:10
3. Jesus lived and spoke personally in the flesh, yet He was rejected by His own people
4. After His death, burial and resurrection, on the day of Pentecost - there are 120 disciples, out of the thousands who heard Him, only 120 true believers

B. Jesus then began to speak through the Holy Spirit.

1. It is still Jesus speaking, the Holy Spirit making His will known through the apostles and inspired men of the 1st century
 - a. **John 14:25-26**
 - b. **2 Peter 1:20-21**
2. It is the words of Jesus, whether spoken personally or through inspiration that will judge us at the end of time
 - a. **John 12:46-50**

Conclusion

A. The point of this study is this:

1. There was a time when man always had another chance.
2. When man refused to listen to God personally He sent Moses and the Law.
3. When man refused to listen to Moses and the Law, God sent Judges.
4. When man refused to listen to the judges, God sent the prophets.
5. When they refused to listen to the prophets, He sent His own Son.
6. So, what happens if we reject Jesus? What happens if we refuse to listen to Jesus?
7. **Hebrews 2:1-3** addresses this question
8. There will be NO ONE ELSE!

B. Have you accepted, believed and acted upon the words of Jesus?

C. There is no escape if we neglect so great a salvation