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TO MATURITY

A Study of the Book of Hebrews

GOD'S LAST WORD
HEBREWS 1:1-3

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Introduction: A.W. Tozer once said, "What comes into our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us." Yet, what we imagine God to be like may indeed be just our imagination -- with no basis in reality. The writer of Hebrews declares that if you want to know what God is really like, look at and listen to God's last word.

I. **God's Past Communication** (Hebrews 1:1)

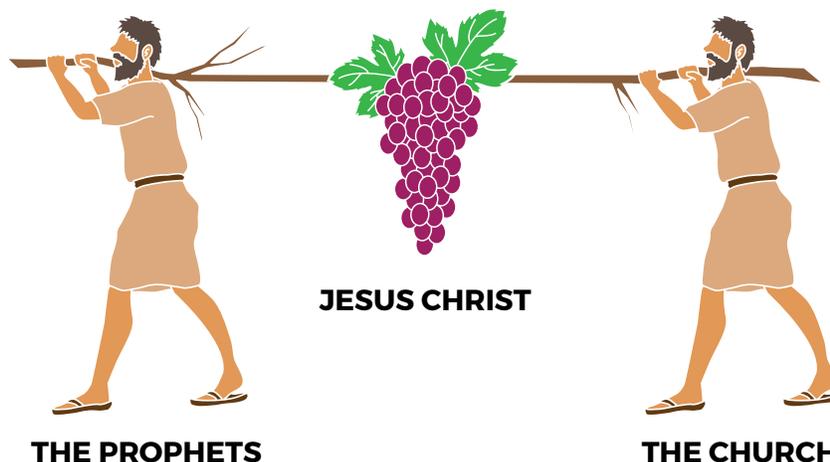
Hebrews 1:1 "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,"

A. **God's Medium was the Prophets**

Amos 3:7 "Surely the LORD God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants, the prophets."

B. **God's Message was Fragmentary**

Numbers 13:23 "Then they came to the valley of Eshcol and from there cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes; and they carried it on a pole between two men, with some of the pomegranates and figs."



C. God's Methods Were Varied

II. God's Final Communication (Hebrews 1:2-3)

A. The Superiority of Christ's Revelation

Hebrews 1:2 "In these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world."

Three Ways Christ's Revelation Was Superior

1. The prophets were many; Christ is one.
2. The prophets did not fully understand their message; Christ is the source of His message.
3. The prophets were not indwelt by the Spirit; Christ is One with the Spirit.

B. The Uniqueness of Christ's Person (Hebrews 1:2-3)

1. He is the "heir of all things" (1:2)

Hebrews 1:2 "In these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world."

Colossians 1:16 "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created by Him and for Him."

Romans 8:17 "And if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him."

2. He is the Agent of creation (1:2)

Hebrews 1:2 “In these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.”

Colossians 1:16 “For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created by Him and for Him.”

3. “He is the radiance of God’s glory” (1:3)

Hebrews 1:3 “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;”

4. He is the “exact representation of God’s nature” (1:3)

Hebrews 1:3 “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;”

John 10:30 “I and the Father are one.”

John 14:9 “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, “Show us the Father?”’”

5. He is the sustainer of the universe (1:3)

Hebrews 1:3a “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.”

6. He is the source of spiritual cleansing (1:3)

Hebrews 1:3b “When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;”

7. He is the completer of redemption (1:3)

Hebrews 1:3b “When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;”

Luke 22:69 “But from now on THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND of the power of God.”

Matthew 22:44 “THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, ‘SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT THINE ENEMIES BENEATH THY FEET.’”

Conclusion