Jesus is Better **God Speaks to Us through His Son Hebrews 1:1-4** Grace Fellowship Church, Pastor Brad Bigney, Dec. 2, 2018

Three important things that we can learn about God from **Hebrews 1:1-4**:

I. God Has Never Been a Silent Hiding God

Hebrews 1:1 "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets"

God doesn't just exist; He speaks. He is not silent and has been there from the very beginning. The Bible doesn't leave it fuzzy as to whether or not we can know anything about God. It's a resounding 'yes' from Genesis to Revelation because God wants us to know Him.

God's not a force, He is a person. He wants to connect with us in a relationship and that's why He's a speaking person!

II. God Will Never Speak More Clearly than He Has Through His Son

Hebrews 1:2 "has in these last days spoken to us by His Son..."

God has an only Son who He sent into this world to speak to us, to live for us, die for us, and to rise again from the grave conquering sin, death and Satan.

Jesus isn't some kind of second-hand, 'knock-off' god. Jesus is the real thing, the express image and the very person of God.

Hebrews 1:3 "Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person..."

The clearest and fullest revelation of God is found in His Son, Jesus Christ. That's why the whole New Testament is centered around Jesus.

Jesus is the final word on God. He is the Word made flesh. That's why Christmas is such an incredible celebration because God took on flesh and came down to speak to us.

If you want to hear from God, read your Bible. Start with the four Gospels then move on to the epistles to know Jesus intimately and personally.

God didn't give us the Bible for information, but for transformation so that we could be changed as we meet with Jesus through the pages of Scripture.

III. God Has Exalted Jesus Because of Who He is and All that He's Done

V. 2 through **v. 4** is a string of accolades that are piled together and rolled out in a way that leaves you dizzy and breathless regarding the exalted place and purpose of Jesus!

Hebrews 1:2-4 "has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they."

V. 2 and **3** soar with a five-fold doxology of praise to Jesus Christ for who He is and what He's done. **V. 4** says Jesus is so much better and has been given a more excellent name.

After purging our sins, Jesus sat down because His life, death and resurrection for our sins never needs to be repeated. It's finished. He's the final word and He's done the final work necessary to forgive us of our sins.

Jesus is not just one of many options as to how you might get to God. He is the truth and the way.

John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The very heart of Christmas is what sets Christianity apart from every other religion. That God took on flesh and stepped into our world to do for us what we could never do for ourselves.