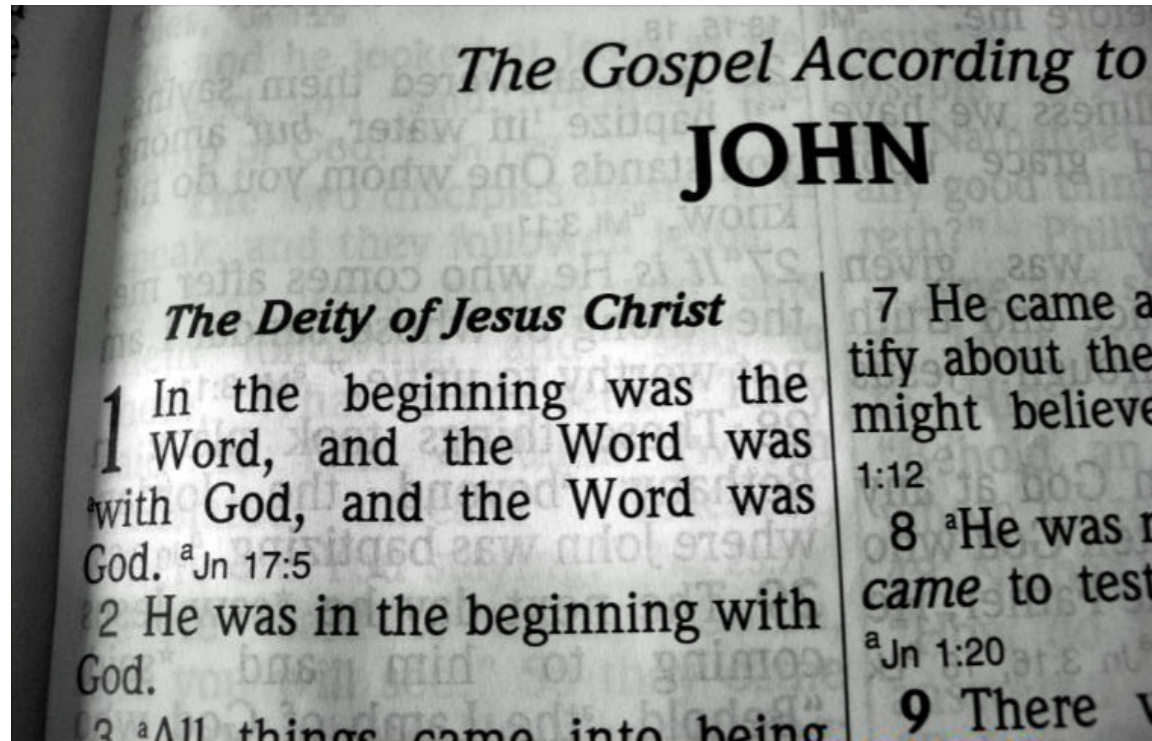


“A Better Word To Us”



Hebrews 1:1-3

Theme...

“God has both spoken His final word and
secured that word through His Son”

I. God's Revelation in the past (1)

A. Who is the one who initiates revelation to man?

“God, after He spoke long ago”(1)

- God has always been the One who takes the initiative to reveal Himself to man

I. God's Revelation in the past (1)

B. What was the nature of past revelation?

- OT Scriptures
- It was true and authoritative yet incomplete
- Progressive: it built on itself, to becoming more complete, from promise to fulfillment

“It was not His complete Truth but it is completely true” (MacArthur)

“long ago”: for a period of time in the past

I. God's Revelation in the past (1)

C. Who did He speak to?

“to the fathers”

- Our spiritual ancestors
- The Jewish People
- Some Gentiles (Nebuchadnezzar)
- He gave them the Law
- He gave them additional revelation along the way

I. God's Revelation in the past (1)

D. Who did He speak through?

“in the prophets”

- “one who speaks from God to men”
- ie: spoke “from Sinai” (Ex 19:16-25, Numbers 12:6, Deut 18:15-19)
- Establishes the divine the authorship of the OT because it was given/delivered by the prophets (2 Peter 1:21)

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D. Who did He speak through?

“in the prophets”

- But, the prophets did not fully know what they were writing about

1 Peter 1:10–12 (NASB95) — 10 *As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. 12* *It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.*

I. God's Revelation in the past (1)

D. How did the prophets give this revelation?

“in many portions”

- Lit: “in different fragments”
- Refers to the many books of the OT
- 39 books, written over 1500 years, 40 + authors

I. God's Revelation in the past (1)

D. How did the prophets give this revelation?

“in many ways”

Ways	Genre
Visions Dreams Symbols Parables Types	Law Poetry Prophecy

All OT Revelation was pointing to the Messiah

“To Noah was revealed the quarter of the world from which Messiah would come. To Micah, the town where He would be born. To Daniel, the time of His birth. To Malachi, the forerunner who would come before Him. To Jonah, His resurrection was typified. Every one of those pieces of revelation was true and accurate; and each one related to the others in some way or another pointed to the Messiah, Jesus Christ”
(MacArthur)

II. God's better word (2-3)

“(But) in these last days”

- As a Jew, you would have understood the context of this phrase

Jeremiah 33:14–16 (NASB95) — **14** ‘Behold, days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. **15** ‘In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. **16** ‘In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she will be called: the LORD is our righteousness.’

II. God's better word (2-3)

“(But) in these last days”....(CONT)

Micah 5:3–4 (NASB95).” 3 Therefore He will give them up until the time When she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren Will return to the sons of Israel. **4** And He will arise and shepherd His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:9 (NASB95) — 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:16 (NASB95) — 16 And the LORD their God will save them in that day As the flock of His people; For they are as the stones of a crown, Sparkling in His land.

II. God's better word (2-3)

“(But) in these last days”....(CONT)

- This phrase referred to the coming of the Messiah and the kingdom and salvation he would bring
- Christ was the fulfillment of those prophecies in His coming
- “Last days”-since He came, we have been in the “last days”

Point: With the coming of the Messiah (“last days”), God’s revelation would made full and complete

II. God's better word (2-3)

The writer of Hebrews is indicating a change in God's revelatory timeframe

OT	NT
"After He spoke long ago"	"In these days He has spoken"
"to the Fathers"	"To us"
"Through the prophets (portions and ways)"	"in His Son"

II. God's better word (2-3)

A. The Complete Word

“Spoken to us in His Son”

- *Lit:* “in Son”
- Jesus is the full and final expression of God
- Jesus is the pinnacle of God's revelation to man

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men” (John 1:1-4)

II. God's better word (2-3)

A. The Validated Word

- 1) Christ' Heirship
- 2) Christ' Creatorship
- 3) Christ' Radiance
- 4) Christ' Deity
- 5) Christ' Power
- 6) Christ' Work
- 7) Christ' Position

A. <i>The Validated Word</i>	Explanation
Christ' Heirship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heir of all that God possess... "All things" • "I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance" (Psalm 2:8-9, Colossians 1:16)
Christ' Creatorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ created the world... "through whom also He made the world" • "World" (<i>Aionas</i>)- "Ages"created time, space, matter, energy (John 1:3, Rom 8:22)
Christ' Radiance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lit: "to send forth light"...Christ was the light and glory of God in the flesh • "I am the light of the World" (John 8:12) • God causes the light of salvation to shine in our hearts through Christ (2 Cor 4:6)
Christ' Deity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "exact representation"...exact reproduction of God (impression made by stamp/die) • "Nature" (hypostasis)...in substance, nature, being...he is God (Col 1:5, 2:9)
Christ' Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "upholds (continually supports) all things by the word of His power"
Christ' Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was the sacrifice that purified (cleanse, purge) believers from the debt of sin • Unlike the High Priest and the sacrifice, His sacrifice was final (Hebrews 7:27)
Christ' Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "sat down" (vs the high Priest who never sat, he only stood offering sacrifices) • "at the right hand of the majesty on high" (honor, authority, rest, intercession)

Conclusion

- Instead of an incomplete revelation...he have God's complete revelation
- Question is...what are you doing with it?
 - Do you read it regularly?
 - Do you study it?
 - Do you seek to submit your life under it?
 - Do you see it as authoritative?
- We have One that secures His Word...have confidence!!!!