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3 POWERFUL WAYS GOD SPEAKS Hebrews 1:1-4

God speaks through the prophets 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”*

- Portions = πολυμερῶς *“polymeros”* (Greek Word) which means fragments or parts, not the entire picture
- 69 Old Testament references in Hebrews
- *“The New Testament is in the OT concealed and the OT is in the NT revealed”* – Augustine

God speaks through Jesus Hebrews 1:2-3a

Hebrews 1:2-3a – *“whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also made the world, and He is the radiance of His glory, the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.”*

- Two important questions:
 - What comes to your mind when you think about Jesus?
 - What comes to Jesus’ mind when He thinks about you?
- The voice of Jesus carries authority.
- Glory = כְּבֹד *“Kabad”* (Hebrew word) which means weight.
 - The glory of God displaces all things.
 - Exodus 33:18-20
- Colossians 1, John 1, Revelation 1 - all point to the Supremacy of Jesus

God is speaking (to you) today Hebrews 1:3b-4

Hebrews 1:4 – *“having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.”*

- Vs. 3 - *“Purification of sins”* - The word *“purify”* is the same word used to describe the Jewish ritual of hand washing before and after meals in the 1st century
- Philippians 2:9-11 - The powerful name of Jesus
- Are you captivated by Jesus or have your affections for Jesus grown bored, dim and cold?
 - Reading Challenge: Read the book of Hebrews (takes approx. 45 min in one sitting) and visit CalvaryLife.org/Hebrews to let us know how reading the entire letter of Hebrews has changed you!

DIGGING DEEPER:

"What comes to our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us." – A.W. Tozer

"How God thinks of us is not only more important, but infinitely more important." – C.S. Lewis

- How has your understanding of these two things developed over your life?
- In what ways do you think your understanding of God, or how God feels about you, could grow?
- If you were to sit down with God do you think he would be more concerned with what you think of Him, or with you understanding how he thinks about you?

Take the "Read through Hebrews" challenge this week (will take about 45 minutes in one sitting) and then answer the following questions:

- How has your view of Jesus changed after reading the letter of Hebrews?
- How has your understanding of how God views you changed after reading the letter of Hebrews?

Let us know if you did the challenge and how reading the entire letter of Hebrews has changed you at CalvaryLife.org/Hebrews

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting "**Card**" to **970-00**

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