



God Has Spoken!

God is not silent. God has spoken in many ways using many people, but much was an unfinished puzzle...until ONE came to put all the pieces together. God has spoken to us by His Son.

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Hebrews 1:1-3 (CSB) Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, **He has spoken to us by his Son**. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through Him. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

God spoke by the Hebrew **prophets** to communicate to their **ancestors** for 2000 years (e.g. Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah), via dreams, visions, and direct communication. Prophets spoke/wrote about historical events, utilized poetry & parables, spoke warnings & encouragements, and foretold future events.

✓ **God does speak TO people THROUGH people** (i.e. Biblical writings). The Old Covenant prophecies regarding the long awaited Messiah were *like a picture puzzle* without the box top showing what the completed puzzle looked like.

The Samaritan woman at the well certainly didn't understand the *symbols* and *shadows* of the Old Covenant Scriptures, but she had hope that one day *SOMEONE* would put the puzzle together:

John 4:25-26 The woman said to him, "I know that **the Messiah** is coming". "When He comes, **He will explain everything to us.**" Jesus told her, "**I, the one speaking to you, am He.**"

In the past God spoke **by the prophets**...but now, **God has spoken to us by his Son**. God's "Son" (Jesus) does not mean "God's kid" (a created being who at one point...*did NOT exist*). Although born as a human, this was not the beginning of the Son's (Jesus) existence.

God made the universe through Him. The apostle John writes something similar, that "**all things were created through Him**" (John 1:3). So while Jesus is called **God's son**, this does not mean He was created - since He is the ETERNAL CREATOR of all things!

God has appointed Him heir of all things. This is language from Psalms 2, first speaking of King David, but ultimately fulfilled in God's Messiah - Jesus.

Psalm 2:7-8 I will declare the Lord's decree. He said to me, "**You are my Son**; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and **I will make the nations your inheritance** and the ends of the earth your possession.

Paul later quoted from this same passage when he preached to the Hebrews in the synagogue of Pisidia.

Acts 13:32-34 And we ourselves proclaim to you the good news of the promise that was made to our ancestors. God has fulfilled this for us, their children, by raising up Jesus, as it is written in the second Psalm: **You are my Son; today I have become your Father**. As to his raising him from the dead, never to return to decay, He has spoken in this way, **I will give you the holy and sure promises of David**.

Jesus fulfills the promise to King David, that one from his family would sit on the throne of Israel forever (Psalm 89:3-4). Jesus is not only a better priest and better sacrifice and a better prophet, but Jesus is a BETTER KING!

Hebrews 1:3a The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word.

☀️ **David Allen** "Each word pulsates with deity."¹

The Son is the the radiance of God's glory. This "radiance of God's glory" reminds those who have read the Old Testament of the '*shekinah*' glory, the light and cloud representing the Presence, Power, and Purity of God at the Tabernacle (see Ex. 14:20; 40:34-38; Lev. 9:23, 24; Num. 14:10; 16:19, 42) and the Temple (1 Kings 8:10-13; 2 Chr. 5:13, 14; 7:1-3). Jesus IS the radiance of God's glory!

The Son is...the exact expression of His nature.

The Greek term used here for **exact representation** = *charaktēr* referred to either an engraved character or image impressed on a seal, likely impressing the image on coins.

✓ God has revealed Himself not just through shadowy symbols like the temple, priests, sacrifices, and the words of prophets, but God has spoken to us by His Son - the One who is **the exact expression** of Who God is.



Hebrews 1:3b After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

- Jesus **sat down**, while the priests who worked in the Temple never sat (Heb 10:11) as they continued to offer sacrifices. Jesus paid the price once and for all saying from the cross, "**It is finished**" (Jn 19:30).
- To sit at another's **right hand** is a metaphor for honor, authority, and power in both biblical and non-biblical Greek. **The Son** shares the honor, authority, and power of the Father without limitation.²

God has spoken, not just through prophets, dreams, & visions. **God has spoken through His Son**, the Creator of all things, the One who inherits all things, the Living Image of God's glory, the One who paid the ultimate price and now sits in the ultimate place of honor.

"God has spoken through His Son." *This is the message that the Hebrews needed to hear*, the message they heard from the first followers of Jesus.

Acts 5:42 Every day in the temple, and in various homes, they continued teaching and **proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah**.

Acts 8:5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and **proclaimed the Messiah to them**.

Acts 8:35 Philip proceeded to tell him **the good news about Jesus**, beginning with that Scripture. *Isaiah 53

Acts 9:20 Immediately he [Paul] began **proclaiming Jesus** in the synagogues: "**He is the Son of God.**"

God has spoken through His Son and Jesus is Better! Listen to Him!!!! Trust Him! Seek Him! Share Him with others!

3 BIG QUESTIONS

1. **How are you LIVING for Jesus?** Are you certain you know Him? What's your evidence?
2. **How are you HEARING about Jesus?** When's the last time you opened the Scriptures to hear from HIM?
3. **Who are you TELLING about Jesus?** When's the last time you shared the good news with another?

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¹ David L. Allen, *Hebrews, The New American Commentary*, 116.

² *Ibid.*, 128.