



Lesson 2

**Title:** God Spoke! Christ Is Superior to the Prophets

**Scripture:** Hebrews 1:1-2a

## Not for Lazy Disciples

### The Theme of Hebrews

- The SUPERIORITY or PREEMINENCE of Jesus the Christ. (Colossians 1:18)
- He was BETTER than anything or anyone before Him.
- He is revealed as a BETTER prophet than MOSES, a BETTER High Priest than Aaron, a BETTER King than David.

## Jesus the Christ Is Superior Over the Prophets

### The GOD Spoke in the Past (Hebrews 1:1)

- ὁ θεὸς “the God” – the DEFINITE ARTICLE is placed before the noun “theos” to distinguish “the God” from all other gods.
  - There is no god besides the God of the Bible. (Isaiah 45:5-6, 14, 18, 21, 22; 44:6, 8; 46:9; Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; 32:39)
  - **ONLY the GOD, as revealed by Himself, of the Bible saves.** (Isaiah 45:22; Acts 4:12)
  - IF there are other gods, by other religions **or** by other opinions, then the God of the Bible is a liar and He is not God.
  - IF this GOD is not God then there is no saviour.
  - IF this GOD is not God then, “Eat, drink, and be merry,” because there is no afterlife, this life is all there is, and there is no right and wrong.
- GOD spoke! GOD revealed His mind to His creatures.
- GOD spoke His will to His people. SEE Matthew 7:21; 12:50; **John 9:31 with 1 John 3:22.**

- **In Times Past . . .** by (or literally “in”) the prophets.
  - The God of the Universe REVEALED Himself by speaking to MAN as He “moved” other men. (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Samuel 23:2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16; 3:18; 28:25)
- **in many different portions and ways . . .**
  - God spoke by (in) many different persons - at least 40.
    - He spoke by kings, prophets, priests, nomads, “prime ministers” (Joseph), farmers, fishermen, physician, shepherds, lawyers, wealthy men, poor men, etc..
  - His OT revelation spans over 1,500 years.
  - God uses historical narratives, poetry, law, doctrinal, ethical, warning, encouragement, symbols, types, etc.

### The GOD Has Spoken in These Last Days (v. 2)

- **in these last days . . .**
  - “these last days” can be interpreted as the promised messianic days. (See Jeremiah 33:14-16; Micah 5:1-4; Zechariah 9:9, 16)
    - The writer’s Jewish audience would relate to this very well.
    - See John 4:25 – “when the Messiah (Christ) comes He will tell us all things.”
  - “these last days” can also be interpreted as Jesus the Christ marks the “last days” – there is no other revelation coming from God. The Christ is His FINAL word!
  - The OLD TESTAMENT was PROMISE and the NEW TESTAMENT is FULFILMENT! God FULFILLS **ALL** of His promises in Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:20)
  - **WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS!**
- **by (literally “in”) Son . . .**
  - GOD was IN the Christ. (John 1:1; Col. 2:9; 1 Timothy 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:19)
  - When the Christ spoke God spoke.
  - ★ **Deuteronomy 18:15-20 with . . .**
    - John 7:16; 12:49-50; 14:10, 24; 17:8, 14
    - Matthew 7:24-29.

### When GOD Speaks All Others Are to Listen

- ★ Through out all of history man in general **and** people who call themselves His people have ignored God speaking.
  - 2 Chronicles 36:15-16

- 2 Chronicles 24:18-21
- 2 Chronicles 33:10
- 2 Kings 17:13-18
- Jeremiah 25:3-4
- Jeremiah 35:15
- **Jeremiah 44:2-5**

- God deliberately and purposely communicated to man in a language that man could understand.
- God took upon Himself human flesh in order to communicate.
- If God has done this then He expects/**demands** all men to hear and listen. To ignore the Word of God is to ignore the God (the only God) of the universe.
- Man is to LIVE on EVERY WORD that comes from the mouth of God. (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4)
- God has **commanded** ALL men EVERYwhere to REPENT. (Acts 17:30)
  - Definition of REPENTANCE: Turn **from** living life as you want and turning **to** living you life strictly in accordance to the **written** Word of God. **Anything less is not repentance.**
- One shows that he/she knows God by doing His will (commandments). (1 John 2:3-4)
- One demonstrates his/her love for God by doing His commandments (will). (1 John 5:3; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14)
- One shows that he/she is in the family of God by doing His will. (Matthew 12:50)

### Let's Ask Ourselves

- Am I really living my life by every word that has come from the mouth of my God, Lord, and Saviour? (Deuteronomy 8:3; Luke 4:4)
- Am I really in the family of God? Am I **doing** the will of God as He has made known in His Word? (Matthew 12:50)
- Can I really say, "I know that I know God (knowing God is eternal life - John 17:2-3) because I love and keep His commandments,"? (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:1-3)

