The Majesty of Christ

Sermon 2 in the Hebrews Series

Hebrews 1:1-3

I. How God has spoken 1:1

In fragmentary and varied fashion, of old God spoke (NEB)

The book begins with two Adverbs Polymeros & Polytrops Fragmentary and varied – but the author of Hebrews quotes extensively from the OT to put the pieces all together for us.

II. God's Ultimate Method of Speaking 1:2

Literally -- By Son In these last days A few OT Scriptures that reference "these last days": Gen. 49:1; Num. 24:14; Isa. 2:2; Hosea 3:4-5

> The Book of Hebrews presents Jesus as the Great High Priest and Lord of Heaven and Earth – now in this New Covenant age.

III. Seven Descriptions of Christ as the Son of God 1:2-3

1. He is the Heir

The text flows naturally from Sonship to Heirship.

The writer is thinking of Psalm 2 which shows Christ as the one who will conquer all – See 1:13

Eph. 1:18-23

As Christians we are joint-heirs with Christ.

We are heirs, but we could not be heirs without Him. He is the rightful, eternally begotten heir, with or without us.

2. He is the Creator C_{01} 1:15 16

Col. 1:15-16 John 1:1-3

3. He is the Brightness of God's Glory

The Nicaean Creed says of Christ, "God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God."

4. He is the Express Image of God

Col. 1:15 -- "He is the image of the invisible God."

5. He is the Sustainer – He Upholds all Things

6. He is the Sacrifice

7. He is the Ruler

Christ is the priest who is unlike any other priest. He is the priest who sacrifices HIMSELF.

> Why did He sit down? Because "It is finished". The OT priests were never finished.

Christ sits because He finished His work. Christ sits at God's right hand because He rules and Reigns.