

TEXT- Hebrews 1:1-4

INTRO- The book has a unique literary excellence.

At least 157 words are peculiar to it.

It begins like an essay, proceeds like a sermon and ends like a letter.

It contains 86 direct references to the Old Testament.

It references at least 100 Old Testament [passages

Title – The Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews in the KJV 13:18-25

Probably written in Rome by Paul addressed to the Believing Jews that under persecution considered returning to Judaism.

The intent of the book is to

1. **Keep the believers from drifting away Heb 2:1** *Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.*

2. **To guard them from an evil heart of unbelief. Heb 3:12** *Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.*

3. **To arouse them from their dullness of hearing. Heb 5:11** *Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.*

4. **To encourage them to retain their boldness and patience unto the end. Heb 10:35-36** *Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*

The instruction is interspersed with words of warning.

Heb 6:4-8 *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*

Heb 10:26-31 *For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Heb 12:14-29 *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of*

God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

I. God previously spoke to us by Old Testament prophets but today he speaks to us through His son. V.1

A. Jesus is now declared to be God, Creator, Upholder, Lord and Heir of all things.

B. He is seen in the four gospels

- **In Matthew He is seen as the King of Israel**
- **In Mark as the Servant of Jehovah**
- **In Like as the Son of Man**
- **In John as the Son of God**

C. God speaks to us

1. In the past

Various times – He spoke particularly from Abraham to Malachi through history, biography, genealogy, legislation, religious ordinances, spiritual experiences and prophecies.

Various manners – He spoke to or through directly to His servants, through angels, Theophanies, through divine wisdom, through putting His words through prophets and through visions or dreams.

2. Now He speaks to us through His Son.

1 Ti 3:16 *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

A Puritan preacher stated, “There are just two things I want to know. Does God speak? Second, what does He say?”

Atheists and fools deny His being. Most of humanity ignores Him, living their selfish lives only to one day hear, “Depart from me ye that work iniquity.”

The subject of Hebrews one is not salvation or blessing but the person and place of the Son of God.

John 1:1-5 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

John 1:18 *No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

Gen. 3:15, Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:35

Mat 17:5 *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

Heb 4:15 *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

3. Heir of all things

Eph 1:9-10 *Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:*

Col 1:16 *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

Rom 8:17 *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

Heb 9:26 *For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*

CONCL – Rev 22:4-5 *And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*