

Hebrews 1:1-3

God Speaks

A long time ago ...

I. God Spoke

A. His Means

B. His Message

II. And He Has Spoken Mightily

A. His Glorious Son

B. Our Great Redeemer

C. The Reigning King

III. Tune Your Ears

A. Soften Your Hearts

B. To Do His Will

... and to this day.

Children, Listen ...

1. What was one big way God spoke in the Old Testament?
2. The writer mentions God's Son, but not His Son's name. Do you know His name?
3. Is the Son also God?
4. God speaks to us in His Word. Whenever His Word is read, and when it is preached, what should you do?

Word of God Speak

As soon as you open Hebrews, it becomes obvious that you need significant background information to truly understand what is going on. While the entire New Testament requires a working knowledge of the Old Testament, Hebrews is especially saturated with Old Covenant material, so referencing the OT is vital to grasping the content. The flip side of that is the fact that, in my estimation, Hebrews provides the best commentary on the Old Testament available to us. It should be no surprise that the central figure in Hebrews is Jesus. Even though the author does not mention Him by name in his opening he introduces us to him by treating us to a magnificent description of the Lord that takes us to the heights of His glory down to the depths of His humility and back up again. The opening three verses are deep and dense. What should make our ears perk up immediately is the phrase "God spoke." He did long ago, He spoke most profoundly through His Son, and He speaks today through His living Word. We are about to embark on a journey that will take us to ages past, immerse us in the immediacy of Jesus, and will cause us to see how the truths contained in this great book are relevant for us today, much the same way as they were for the original readers. May the power of God's Word in Hebrews, attended by the work of the Holy Spirit, through the humble means of preaching minister to each of us.

Lord, give us ears to hear, hearts to receive and the will to respond appropriately to what you will teach us.