

Hebrews has no greeting, no author or intended recipients named. Only Matthew, John, Hebrews, and 1John begin by immediately launching into the subject on the heart of the author, Christ.

The KJV translation of Hebrews begins simply but profoundly with, “**GOD** who . . .” One Greek New Testament begins Hebrews with the simple introductory words “In many parts and in many ways God . . .” A number of translations begin “Long ago . . .”

God has not remained silent towards mankind but has been repeatedly reaching out in love down across the ages through many different means and to many different men and women. He spoke directly to some, through angels, in dreams and visions to others. He used voices from heaven, angels, prophets, kings, common men and women. He used great signs and wonders, the Deluge, the Exodus, the Captivity and Return, the handwriting on the wall, etc.

He spoke to the fathers; that is particularly the prominent ancestors of the Jews from Adam on down, but to others such as Job as well. The names and words of these faithful men and women are known and recorded in the Old Testament. He spoke over a period of more than 1600 years in pre-deluge times through Adam, Abel, Enoch, Noah. He spoke to those living and walking in post deluge times over a period of about 2400 years. But with mixed results and declining interest from a shrinking audience. Was He surprised? Did He give up? Did He wash His hands of them, so to speak?

He sent “**SON!**” **SON** came! Not in all His power and eternal glory but quietly, peaceably in the flesh, the Son of Man. “Peace on earth, good will towards men.”

Now God has spoken in “**SON.**” Not simply “in the Son” but “in Son.” Not here simply as God’s Son, but God the Son. One, self existent Divine Being, “**SON.**” He, being Eternal Son before He became the Son of Man, remains Eternal Son after incarnation, on earth and now in heaven. God the Son. Now incarnate forever, still Son.

*Luke 20:13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him.*

He spoke to them in the last days. The phrase “last days” is included in Old and New Testament prophecies as encouraging words for those in the present times that began with Christ’s birth and ministry, and include the interim before the rapture and His subsequent return to reign. Look up the references where this phrase is used..

The author begins with a grand and profound statement declaring the supremacy of the Son of God above all creation and all creatures in it, throughout all of time and space. God has appointed this One, this unique Man, heir of all things. God granting domination of the creation to Adam looked forward to this Man. He is the Heir. Adam lost all to the Wicked One but the Son has redeemed it for God who has appointed Him as the One to rightly inherit all things. His humility shines through this, for they were His by right of

creation. The Son is the One by whom God made the worlds—“eons,” the ages of times, not the planets. This One is then presented as the brightness of God’s glory. The term brightness being not a mere reflection but an off-flash as from a luminous body. A genuine “off-flash” of the glory of God. But not only an off-flash but the express image of God. Not merely an image or picture of God but a distinctly separate divine Person, yet of the very essence and substance of God. These scriptures demand less explanation and more reverential meditation and worship. Knowledge of the Holy indeed.

*Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

But there is more. He not only made all, He upholds all. All things in existence owe their existence and functioning to Him by the word of His power. He is the mighty, glorious, gracious all powerful Creator God. We as His creatures, created beings, should know and recognize Him for this alone, as our Creator and Sustainer of the Universe and of our very beings.

**But what is this?** This very One has purged our sins! He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. The highest possible honor for a man. Sitting down at God’s right hand, as we read later, signifies His work is done and is fully and perpetually accepted. We see here two divine Persons, the Father and the Son, on the throne of God in heaven. But the Son is there a Man, the Son of Man. We learn elsewhere He is seated there still, awaiting the signal to take possession of His inheritance.

This magnificent revelation of the Son leads directly to the citation of His being given preeminence as a man above the angels. No man has ever held preeminence over angels. The scriptures declare mankind is indeed a little inferior to the angels (Psalm 8:5). The Jews rightly respected the angels as superior beings. But, as do men today, they tended to revere them. Obviously God the Son, the Creator of all is superior to them, and no mere man could be set above the angels. But as Son of Man He receives a more excellent name than they by inheritance. No angel has ever received the status\* of Son of God, but this Man has. This was even prophesied by David.

*Psalm 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*

*1Chronicles 17:11-13 . . . I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son:*

*. . . But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.*

\* See Galatians 4 for enlightenment on son ship.

NOTE: Other passages that correlate with Hebrews 1 include Genesis 1&2; John 1; and Colossians 1.