

## THE LIVING WORD

--HEBREWS 1:1-4--

### INTRODUCTION:

December 25<sup>th</sup> is the day that we remember the birth of the Son of God. Whether that date is the actual date of His birth is not important, but the fact that God became Man through the virgin birth is of enduring and incomparable importance.

Now that Christmas has come and gone, and as the decorations are stored away for another year and life returns to the new normal, what does the birth of a Child to a lowly maiden of an insignificant people in an obscure village where a feeding trough had to be used for a crib because there was no room in the guest room for the young couple, mean for those of us living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

### I. GOD SPOKE LONG AGO (Hebrews 1:1)

- a. The author of Hebrews begins this book by telling us what happened long ago and whenever we look back long ago, we must begin with \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Think about that fact for a moment, eternal God has \_\_\_\_\_ to us. (Psalm 8:4)
- c. God did not need or have to \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
- d. Imagine for a moment if God had not spoken, if He had not spoken how could we \_\_\_\_\_ Him? (Psalm 19:1)
- e. God spoke to us long ago through the prophets in many \_\_\_\_\_ and in many ways. (2 Peter 1:20-21)
- f. The tragedy of this is that for the most part man has chosen not to \_\_\_\_\_ to what God spoke.

### II. GOD HAS SPOKEN IN HIS SON IN THESE LAST DAYS

(Hebrews 1:2)

- a. The author now switches from long ago to these last days and he writes, “[God]...*in these last days has spoken to us in His \_\_\_\_\_*...” (Hebrews 1:2a, NASB95)
- b. The author of Hebrews goes on to show us how much more \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Son is than the prophets. (John 1:1-3)

- c. As God’s final spoken Word to the world Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ God the Father to us. (John 14:7)
- d. He who was crucified through weakness was the One who, at that very moment, was \_\_\_\_\_ all things by the word of His power.

### II. THE SON SAT DOWN (Hebrews 1:3)

- a. When you encounter tribulation and trials in your life, and you will, Jesus Christ alone is a safe, calm, and protective \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 46:1)
- b. It is true that we are utterly sinful, and God is perfectly holy, so a huge \_\_\_\_\_ or chasm does exist between God and man.
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_ that stood in Jerusalem in the days of Jesus would, by today’s standards be a multi-billion-dollar building.
- d. But of all its furnishings it had no \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. The temple was intimately associated with the Jewish people and their \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- f. From the time when the Tabernacle was first erected to Jesus’ day, a period covering 15 centuries, the priests of Israel, the sons of Aaron never \_\_\_\_\_ as they performed their priestly duties.
- g. The Lord Jesus Christ, when He Himself had purged our sins through His substitutionary death as the greater, most perfect sacrifice did what no other priests could do—He \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. *It is finished!*” (John 19:30b, NASB95) was His triumphant cry and the now resurrected and ascended, Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, \_\_\_\_\_ at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

### CONCLUSION:

*“Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the*

*earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* (Philippians 2:8–11, NASB95)

In these last days, did you know that you were in the last days, they began on that first Christmas morning. *“In these last days [God] has spoken to us in His Son... When He had made purification of sins, He sat down...”* (Hebrews 1:2-3, NASB95) This message of redemption began when the Son of God was born one glorious night in the little village of Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago.

Because He was born; right will defeat wrong; hope will defeat despair; light will defeat darkness; and ultimately, the Seed of the woman will crush the serpent’s head and defeat Satan. As you begin to put away the Christmas decorations this year and as we return to the new normal, and every day after that, let us rejoice in the wonderful Gift of Jesus Christ so freely given to us from our Father in heaven on that first Christmas morning so long ago.