**Jesus, the Superior and All-Sufficient Revelation – Hebrews 1:1-3**

**This morning, we begin our “in-depth” study of the Book of Hebrews, seeking to know more of our glorious Lord and Savior. My prayer is that God would increase our knowledge of Christ and reignite our passion for Christ. Oh, that we would know Christ more fully and love Him more dearly!**

 **God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the fathers through the prophets. (1)** Where to begin? Where would the biblical writer of Hebrews begin when desiring to reveal the absolute superiority and preeminence of Jesus Christ? Why not begin at the beginning? The order of all life, the origin of the cosmos, the beginning of the known world all began with God speaking!

 **Notice the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s speaking in the past.** God spoke long ago to “our fathers”. Remember, he is writing to a Jewish audience, so the term “our fathers” reminds them of their ancestry, the seed of Abraham.

God spoke in “many portions and in many ways” (NASB), “at many times and in many ways” (ESV), or the (KJV) “at sundry times and in divers manners”. The concept is that of portioning out over time. Under the Old Covenant, the revelation was never full or complete; it was always being revealed in greater depth and clarity. There was always the need for a further prophetic word.

One thing binds all of these previous revelations together; 2 Peter 1:20-21, “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

 **God has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to us through His Son. (2)** God has chosen to speak, to reveal Himself to us! The self-revelation or revealing of God is truly one of God’s greatest gifts to man! God has spoken in these last days (eschatos) not through the prophets but by His Son!

How could Jesus fully reveal the Father? He is not a prophet; He is the Son and an heir. This term “heir” expresses both the “propriety of His sonship and the immutability of His lordship”. It speaks of dominion, power, title and lordship.

 **God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His Son to secure our redemption. (3)** There is no doubt as to the reason Jesus is the superior and sufficient revelation: He is both the Creator of the world and the mediator of the New Covenant.

As eternal God the Son, He made the world (2b) and as the Incarnate Son of God, He is the radiance and exact image of God.

 **Jesus came to finish the job!** All the priests of the OT, all the animals slain, all the sacrifices offered were completely incomplete! The work of the priest was never done!

Yet, when Jesus came, He finished the work of redemption! He, by Himself, purged us from our sins and has now taken a seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high!

**Application: Why would you ever turn back to something that is unable and insufficient to atone for our sin, when in Christ, “It is Finished!”?**