

Hebrews Lesson 3

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INTRODUCTORY MATTERS (Cont.)

A BETTER PRIESTHOOD (3:1, 4:14-15, 7:26, 2:17, 8:1).

- Jesus Christ our High Priest is high, He is great, He is holy, He is merciful, He is faithful, He is sympathetic, He is enthroned. He is better than any Levite priest or son of Aaron.

HEBREWS SPEAKS OF FUTURE EVENTS:

- The world to come (1:6, 2:5)
- Salvation to come (1:14)
- Jesus Christ will rule (2:9)
- An eternal rest for the people of God (4:9-11)
- Good things to come (9:11, 10:1)
- Judgment day (9:27)
- The coming of the Lord (10:37)
- The shaking of the heaven and the earth (12:25-27)
- An immovable kingdom (12:28)
- The coming city (13:14)

SEVEN GREAT THINGS:

- Great salvation (2:3)
- Great High Priest (4:14)
- Great man (7:4)
- Great fight (10:32)
- Great reward (10:35).
- Great cloud of witnesses (12:1)
- Great shepherd (13:20)

HEBREWS 1:1 “¹ God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.”

- **The fact of revelation: “God...spake.”**
 - As a result, we have God’s completed revelation in the Holy Bible, revealing who He is.
 - Without it, man could not find out who God is to perfection (see Job 11:7).
- God spake at sundry (various) times.
 - God spoke through over 40 writers in about 2000 years.
 - In man’s history, there are large gaps of time when God said nothing.
 - No scripture before the writings of Moses (Gen-Deut), 1500-2000 years.
 - No scripture between Malachi and Matthew (400 years).
 - No scripture since 90 A.D.
 - God didn’t give the entire bible all at once. He gave a little at a time over a long period to various men.

- God spoke in diverse (differing) manners:
 - By prophets, seers, kings, a donkey, signs, miracles, creation, types, judgments, shepherds, apostles, angels, women at the tomb, etc.
 - The problem with these revelations is that they can't be fully understood without the interpreting of the Holy Spirit of God. (1 Cor. 2:14)
 - Old Testament saints didn't have the advantages that we have today.
 - A completed revelation (the Holy Bible).
 - The indwelling Holy Spirit.
 - The Old Testament prophets didn't always understand what they were told to preach.
 - Example: Isaiah 53:4-5 clearly speaks of Jesus Christ, but the prophets didn't know that. (1 Pet 1:10-12).
 - Philip, a New Testament Saint indwelt with the Holy Spirit was able to interpret the passage to the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8).

HEBREWS 1:2 ² **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son...** This is better.

- New Testament believers can look at Old Testament history and see types and pictures pointing to the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - The Son of God opens our understanding to see many more truths from the scriptures. Those truths have always been there, but the Son enables us to see them.
 - **“Hath in these last days spoken unto us...”** Notice how God speaks directly unto the New Testament believer. In time past, He spoke **“to the fathers by the prophets.”** There was an intermediary.
 - The Spirit of God would move on them “at times.” (Judges 13:25, Psalm 51:11). The prophets were not indwelt and sealed by God's Holy Spirit permanently.
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