

# Themes in Hebrews

## God Speaks in His Son - Hebrews 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

One of the most profound and concise christological passages to be found in the New Testament.

(Philip E. Hughes, *The Christology of Hebrews*, Southwestern Journal of Theology, Vol. 28, Fall 1985)

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### I. God spoke

When?	v 1 Long Ago	=	v 2 "In these last days"
To Whom?	Our Fathers Luke 1:55	=	Us John 1:14, John 14:9
By Whom?	Prophets	=	His Son
How?	At many times and many ways	=	Finally

"in these last days"

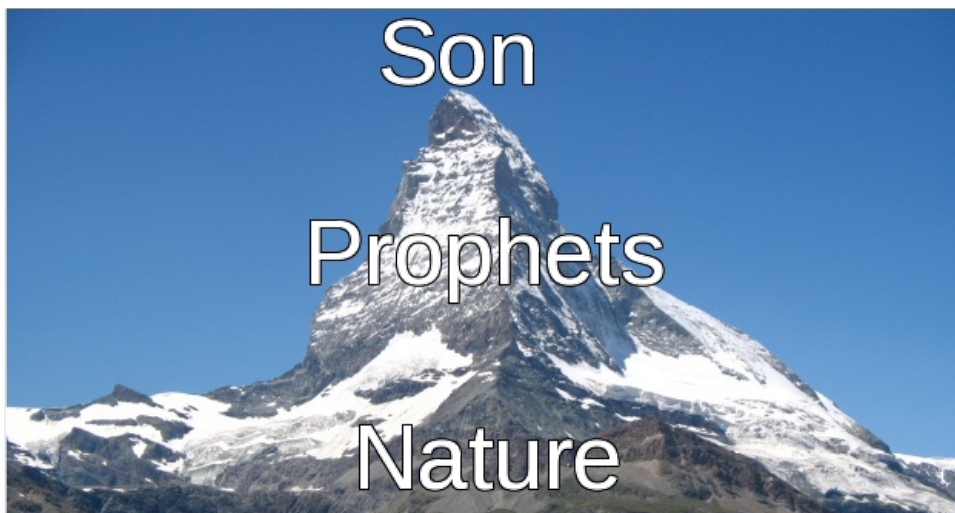
This phrase is used in the Bible to mean "when the words of the prophets are fulfilled."

"in the fullness of time", Gal 4:4

"the end (consummation) of the ages has come", 1 Cor 10:11, Heb 9:26

- The times of the prophets were the times of **promise**. Heb 11:39
  - The time of the Son is the time of **fulfillment**. Heb 12:2
  - The author of Hebrews is making the argument that Christ is who the prophets pointed to. Why turn back? 1 Peter 1:10-12, 2 Cor 1:20
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## God Speaking Revelation



## II. The Son's Greatness

1. Heir of all things, v2 - Psalm 2:8, Heb 2:8
  2. Agent of creation, v2 - John 1:3, Col 1:16
  3. Radiance of God's glory, v3 - Mark 9:3, John 1:14, Acts 26:13, John 17:5, 2 Cor 4:6
  4. Imprint of God's nature, v3 - Col 1:15, Col 2:9, 2 Cor 4:4
  5. Sustainer of the universe, v3 - Col 1:17
  6. Made purification for sins, v3 - Heb 7:27, Heb 9:14, John 1:29, 1 John 1:7
  7. Seated at the right hand of God, v3 - Psalm 110:1, Heb 8:1, Heb 10:12, Heb 12:2
  8. Inherited a more excellent name, v4 - Phi 2:9-11
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## III. What does this mean?

We see that Christ is presented as

1. Prophet - He is God's final revelation, v2
  2. Priest - He made purification for sins, v3
  3. King - He is enthroned in glory, v3
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## Summary

**He is the supreme focal point of God's revelation and all of history.**

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