



“These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

(Luke 24:44-48)

²⁵ And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

(Luke 24:25-27)

Hebrews 1:1-4

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers by the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

Introduction to Hebrews

1. Author – unknown (associate of Paul?)
2. Destination – unknown (possibly Rome?)
3. Recipients – likely Jewish Christians who were tempted to revert to Judaism

Introduction to Hebrews

➤ Message of Hebrews

1. His purpose – to exhort readers to “hold fast” to Christ and not fall away
2. His argument – Jesus and His saving work is “better” than anything in the Old Covenant

The theology of the letter serves the exhortation

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. (Hebrews 4:14)

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus... ²¹ and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; (Hebrews 10:19-23)

Hold fast to Christ because is He better!

Prologue (1:1-2a)

1. God has spoken

- He has spoken through spokesmen (prophets) who wrote it down for us (cf. 2 Pet. 2:20-21)
- the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God

Prologue (1:1-2a)

2. God has spoken in two distinct stages

- in “former times” He spoke in various ways, in various times, through various prophets
- in “these last days” He has spoken in the person and work of His Son

Prologue (1:1-2a)

3. God has spoken definitively in His Son

- God’s prior revelation can only be fully understood through the Son
- this revelation is final and complete – no other stage, no further word