<u>The Letter To The Hebrews</u> God Has Spoken To Us By His Son Hebrews 1:1-4

What do we know about The Letter To The Hebrews?

We are not sure of who wrote it, since the author doesn't give his name. But since the early church viewed it as God's Words, it must have been written by an apostle.

It was probably written to a small group of believers in Rome which was struggling spiritually — they faced persecution, and some of their members were in prison (13:3); some had stopped meeting with other believers (10:24f); by now they should have been able to teach others, but they needed to be re-taught (5:12); and they had grown lax in their devotion to God's Word.

What's the author's purpose in writing 1:1-4?

He states his purpose in 2:1—it is that we pay more close attention to what God has spoken by His Son.

<u>Because</u> of how God has spoken to us in His Son (1:1-4) <u>And because</u> as Son, Jesus is superior to the angels (1:5-14) <u>Therefore</u> we should pay the closest attention to what God has spoken to us by His Son (2:1)

Why should we pay more close attention to what God has spoken by His Son?

Because this Word was spoken to us by God's Son (1:1-2)

Because this Word was spoken by the One who is heir of all things (1:1-2)

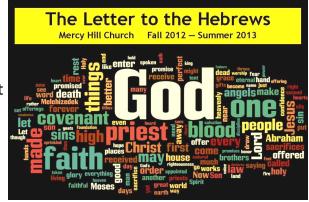
Because this Word was spoken by the One through whom everything was created (1:1-2)

Because this Word was spoken by the One who is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature (3)

Because this Word was spoken by the One who upholds the universe by the word of His power (1:3)

Because this Word was spoken by the One who made purification of sins (1:3)

Because this Word was spoken by the One who sat down at the right hand of God (1:3)



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through these Scriptures?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Do you hold to the Bible like you would hold to a rope that's keeping you from being swept over Niagara Falls? What keeps you from this?

Can you see how 1:1-4 helps us obey 2:1? Why or why not?

Which reason given in 1:1-4 was most powerful for you?

What is God calling you to do because of this Scripture? How this week will you grip the rope of God's Word constantly and vigorously?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

