

Sermon Notes

There Is No Reason to Turn Back! *An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews*

#02 – “Christ Superior to Prophets” – Hebrews 1:1-3

I. Introduction

A. A higher form of Greek is used in the outset of this letter.

1. It requires more preaching time.

B. Today’s text: Hebrews 1:1-3

II. Exposition

A. “In many portions and in many ways”

1. NASU does a better job of translating POLUTROPOS.

a. Think of portions of a sliced pie – Eph. 3:4-6

b. In the past, the progressive revelation was only in slices and portions but now the full revelation is in the Son.

2. The prophets were friends of God while Jesus is the Son of God.

B. “In these last days,” verse 2.

1. A shift in the revelation of God. He spoke in a former way. Now He spoke differently.

2. Revelation terminates in the Son – Gal. 1:8-9, 11

C. “Has spoken to us in His Son,” verse 2.

1. Note the pronoun “His” is not in the original which is very odd. Also note that the definite article “the” is also absent.

2. This is written to accentuate that all revelation ends in the Son. He is the language of God. John 1:1

D. The purpose of the Hebrews letter.

1. It is found in the opening remarks – “in Son” God’s final and complete revelation.

2. Verses 1-3 become a thesis statement for the letter.

3. The emphasis moves from all revelation being found in the Son to what the Son has achieved.

a. Heb. 7:22; 8:6; 8:7-8; 10:9

4. On the exclusivity of Christ

a. Matt. 7:13-14; John 14:6; 3:34-36

5. Jesus fulfilled the Law both actively and passively.

6. Jews slowly heard throughout the Roman Empire what Jesus achieved on the cross. They were dispersed throughout the Mediterranean and most lost the ability to read Hebrew. A Greek translation of the Old Testament was commissioned to be done for these dispersed Jews.

a. The Septuagint (LXX)

7. Importance of the temple – Jewish Christians were worshipping in connection to the temple.

a. Acts 2:46; 3:11; 4:1

III. Points for Reflection

A. Christ is the radiance of the Father, verse 3.

1. John 14:6-11

B. Jesus is the exact representation of His nature, verse 3

C. Jesus upholds all things by the Word of His power, verse 3.

1. John 1:1; Col. 1:7

D. Jesus made purification for sins, verse 3.

1. Isaiah 43:25; Lev. 16:30; I John 1:7; Acts 20:28

E. Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, verse 3.

1. Heb. 10:1,3