



Key Notes

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? A Personal Paraphrase of Hebrews 1:1-6; 2:1-4, 8-11

In the past, when God had something to say to our ancestors, He spoke through the prophets. He did this on numerous occasions and in a variety of ways. But recently, God has spoken to us in a new and different way: He sent us His Son! Yes, I'm talking about the One who created the universe and ultimately will inherit it. He is the spitting image of His Father. He not only shares God's nature, He radiates His splendor. The words He speaks are powerful. They are like superglue, holding the whole universe together. God's Son came and lived among us. After He finished the work He came to do (cleaning up your sins and mine!), He returned to His Father's throne room and sat down. Mission accomplished!

The Son is vastly superior to any angel. His Name is above all others. Did God ever call an angel His "son"? Of course not. The Son is begotten, not made. He is of the very same nature as God. That's why even angels worship Him! (1:1-6)

So here's the deal. God has spoken to all of us through His Son. That much is clear. But is anyone paying attention? When God spoke to our ancestors at Mount Sinai, He used angels to convey the law to Moses. Surely the people would listen if celestial beings brought the message. He gave dire warnings of what would happen if His words were disregarded. Every act of disobedience would be justly punished.

Now if that was the case in Moses' day, think about how much more severe the consequences will be if we ignore the message sent through His Son! There will be no escape. What possible excuse can someone give for failing to hear the Voice of God? First of all, it was delivered to us in person by His Son. Then, the apostles went everywhere confirming that the story was true. And God validated their ministry by signs, wonders, miracles and spiritual gifts. (2:1-4)

What I'm trying to say is this: Jesus is the One who has brought us God's message. Indeed, He *is* God's message. God has exalted Him and crowned Him with glory and honor. Everything is under His feet! Everything!!! I know that at the moment, it may not appear that way. But don't be fooled. Jesus is ruling over all. And because of what he did on the cross in tasting death for us all, Jesus can become the Author of *your* salvation. He wants to include you in the script of the great story He is writing. His death can make you holy and you, too, can become a son of God. I only hope that Jesus will not be embarrassed that you are His brother! (2:8-11)

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