



Study Guide: The Miracle of the Message Hebrews 1 v 1-3

God's Final Word: Through His Son

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. **3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Main Theme: Jesus is God's final, complete, and ultimate communication (message) to humanity. What was once hinted at or fragmented in the Old Testament is fully revealed in Him.

The sermon introduces the idea that the writer of Hebrews presents Jesus as the "Final Boss" of revelation—the ultimate and complete expression of God's nature and plan.

Key Points from the Talk:

- God's Old Testament revelations were "fragmentary, occasional, and progressive" (Dr. Greg Fine). They gave glimpses but not the full picture.
- God deeply desires to reveal Himself to us in ways we can understand (John 3:16).
- Jesus is the "miracle of the message"—He makes the invisible God visible and understandable.

Discussion Questions:

1. If it is true that in the OT, Jesus is *concealed*, and in the NT, Jesus is *revealed*. Giving any examples you can recall, how have you understood Jesus to be concealed in the OT? How has seeing Jesus concealed in the OT and revealed in the NT helped your faith to grow?

The Tabernacle and the Cross

- **The Tabernacle Layout:** The arrangement of the Israelite camp around the Tabernacle (Numbers Ch 2) formed the shape of a cross, pointing forward to the crucifixion centuries before it was invented.
 - **The Curtain:** The massive, thick curtain in the Temple separated a Holy God from sinful people. It was a barrier that only the High Priest could pass, once a year, as a mediator.
2. What does the size, scale and seriousness of the curtain (in the Tabernacle) prompt you to reflect about the sin in your own life today, and the God that you can now come before?
 3. The Bible describes the moment the Temple curtain tore from top to bottom when Jesus died (Matthew, Mark, Luke). What difference did the tearing of the curtain make for your relationship with God?
 4. Read Hebrews 10:19-23. What is there in these verses to encourage your walk with Jesus?
 5. Can you think of a time when God's love in your life felt like a subtle "whisper" (1 Kings 19: 11-13) rather than an obvious declaration (like the graffiti of J ❤️ S on the wall)?
 6. Do you think you could verbalise to someone how Jesus is the clear, unmistakable, "public declaration" of God's unconditional love for the world? What would you say to evidence this claim? Could you share any personal revelation of how He has been that for you?
 7. Jesus is the *exact representation* of God (Hebrews 1:3 and Colossians 1:15). If you want to know what God the Father is like, you look at Jesus. What part of Jesus' character do you most need to focus in on at the moment?

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8. If part of Jesus 'sustaining all things' includes you, take a moment to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what you need Him to help sustain you in and then share with the group if you feel able.