

God Speaks  
Lecture One: Hebrews 1:1-14  
1/15/13

I. A (Very) Brief Review

A. The Letter to the Hebrews

1. Begins like a \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ends like a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. It really is both

B. Date and Author

1. Date
2. Author
  - a. Short Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What we do know

C. Recipients

1. Probably sent to \_\_\_\_\_

D. Purpose

1. To encourage those beleaguered Christians to \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith
2. To show, \_\_\_\_\_ how and why Jesus is better than any other option

E. Exposition and Exhortation

1. Exposition is the expounding on or explanation of spiritual/scriptural \_\_\_\_\_
2. Exhortation is \_\_\_\_\_ intended to motivate a person to do something
3. The tapestry of Hebrews

II. The Prologue – Hebrews 1:1-4

A. Contrast

1. Between \_\_\_\_\_ given under the old covenant and that given through God's \_\_\_\_\_

B. Divine Communication – Vv. 1-2a

1. God has not remained silent

2. In both sides of the contrast
  - a. It is the same \_\_\_\_\_ who speaks
  - b. And the same \_\_\_\_\_ that is offered
3. Era
  - a. Older = in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Newer = in \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Recipients
  - a. Our \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Us
5. Agents
  - a. Through the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. By His \_\_\_\_\_
6. Ways
  - a. Various (times and ways)
  - b. In one way (implied)
  - c. The older communication wasn't bad or wrong

C. Seven Affirmations of the Attributes and Achievements of the Son – Vv. 2b-4

1. God appointed Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ of all things
2. God made the \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus
3. Jesus is the radiance of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ representation of his \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ all things through his powerful word
5. Jesus provided \_\_\_\_\_ for sins
6. Jesus sat down at the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ of God

7. Jesus is superior to and inherited a name superior to the \_\_\_\_\_

D. The Prologue in a Nutshell

1. “So the opening statement of Hebrews introduces us to the heart of the book as a whole: God has something to say to the church, and that message focuses preeminently in the person and work of the exalted Son.” – Dr. George Guthrie

III. Application of the Prologue

A. The Importance of Doctrine

1. In the aisles of Christian bookstores
2. Orthodoxy (right \_\_\_\_\_) is the only true foundation of orthopraxy (right \_\_\_\_\_)
  - a. “Right theology lays an important foundation for a Christian life robustly lived. A neglect of theology, on the other hand, has detrimental effects on the church and individual Christian lives.” – Dr. George Guthrie
3. So the application is this..
  - a. We must arm ourselves with right \_\_\_\_\_ (the truth of the Bible)
  - b. In order to live lives that honor God in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Exposition of Scripture – Vv. 5-14

A. Background

1. The author’s Bible – the Greek Old Testament

B. Four Assumptions the Author Holds About the Old Testament

1. The Old Testament consists of the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Old Testament presents \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Old Testament presents a \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ

“Texts that may have been general statements about the nation, prophets, priests, or kings were often *idealized* in anticipation of God’s end-time deliverer who would fill the categories as no one else had. David had been the king *par excellence*, but one day there would be a king like him, only better. The early church applied such texts to Jesus because of their conviction about his identity. The conviction about his identity did *not* derive from the Old Testament. They did not find the texts and then find Jesus. They found Jesus and then saw how the Scriptures fit with him. They were not *proving* his identity in the technical sense so much as they were demonstrating how the Scriptures fit with him.” – Dr. Klyne Snodgrass

C. Continuation of Themes

1. \_\_\_\_\_ speaking
2. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God
3. Christ’s role in \_\_\_\_\_
4. Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s right hand

D. Structure

1. Seven Old Testament Quotes
2. Purpose

E. The Son’s Unique Relationship with the Father – Vs. 5

1. Rhetorical question
2. Old Testament quotes
3. Messianic passages
4. What about “today”?

F. The Inferior Position of Angels – Vv. 6-7

1. Old Testament quotes
2. “Into the world”
3. Two ways angels are subordinate to Jesus
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ him
  - b. They are God’s \_\_\_\_\_ not his \_\_\_\_\_
4. What about angels?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ beings that function as God’s messengers
  - b. They also \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God’s people

5. Glorious beings

G. The Son's Eternal Reign – Vv. 8-12

1. Old Testament quotes
2. Three Overarching Themes
  - a. The Son's \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The Son's \_\_\_\_\_ nature
  - c. The Son's \_\_\_\_\_
3. Encouraging believers

H. The Son's Position as Compared to Angels – Vv. 13-14

1. Old Testament quote
2. Inclusio
3. The Son is enthroned at God's right hand because...

V. O Come Let Us Adore Him: A Concluding Thought

A. The World's View of Jesus

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing non-sense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to." - C.S. Lewis

B. The Author's Purpose

1. To introduce us to the true Jesus