

Hebrews 1:1-4: God Speaks Thru Jesus Christ..

I. Introduction.

The Book is written particularly to the Nation of Israel, the Jews/Hebrews. The Book presents Jesus as Superior than Old Testament Angels, Moses and the Law, Priesthood and sacrifices. The Hebrews/Jews/Israelis exalted their Patriarchs and OT messengers and ministers above Jesus and this Book is meant to correct their [and any other] false thinking and exalts other voices apart from Jesus'.

The Book then encourages Christians to continue holding on to Jesus Christ, the once and for all sacrifice, the eternal High Priest and Author and finisher of our faith.

Hebrews is the Book that connects the Old and New Testaments the most; Hebrews has 29 quotations and 53 allusions to the Old Testament, for a total of 82 references.

II. (1-2a): God speaks through Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

The Creator and Controller of all things, the Almighty, the All-knowing, the All-Present...God spoke in a variety of ways in the Old Testament;

God spoke to Adam, Eve, Noah...directly. In Genesis 18 God spoke to Abraham through three Angels who appeared like men. He spoke to Moses by a burning bush in Exodus 3 and spoke to Israel through Moses. He spoke to Elijah by a still, small voice in 1 Kings 19. He spoke to Isaiah and other prophets by heavenly visions for example in Isaiah 6.

"I see no difference between my father Prophet Elvis Mbonye and Jesus, really. Happy Birthday Greatest Prophet of our generation, an awesome revelation of our Lord and King Jesus"... "Prophet Elvis Mbonye IS Jesus, made visible. He is the Holy Spirit, made audible. And He is God himself made accessible. He is the highest if not only voice of authority empowered by God on this ENTIRE planet, and his is the only God and the only Jesus I ascribe to."

III. (2a-4): A description of the glorious Son.

- i. **Heir of all things:** Receives his allotted possession by right of Son-ship.
- ii. **He made the worlds:**

John 1:1-4 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

- iii. **The brightness of His glory:**
- iv. **The express image of His person:**
- v. **Upholding all things by the word of His power.**

Colossians 1:15-20 - *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.*

- vi. **Himself purged our sins:**
- vii. **Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.**
- viii. **Having become so much better than angels**
- ix. **He has obtained a more excellent name.**

Mark 9:7 - *“This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!”*

Acts 4:12 - *“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

Philippians 2:9-11 - *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

“This is a position of majesty, of honor, of glory, and of finished work. This position of Jesus sets Him far above all creation.”