

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Chapter 1

"God Has Spoken"

A Few years ago a man went to a barbershop to have his hair and his beard cut as always. He started to have a good conversation with the barber who attended him. They talked about many and various subjects.

Suddenly, they touched on the subject of God. The barber said: **"Look man, I don't believe that God exists."**

"Why do you say that?" asked the client.

"Well, it's easy, all you have to do is go out in the street to realize that God does not exist."

Oh, tell me, if God existed, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't think of loving a God who permits all of these things."

The client stopped for a moment thinking, but he didn't want to respond so as to cause an argument.

The barber finished his job and the client went out of the shop. Just after he left the barbershop he saw a man in the street with a long hair and beard that looked as if he had not had a hair or beard cut in many years.

The client again entered the barber shop and he said to the barber: **"You know what? Barbers do not exist."**

"How can you say they don't exist?" asked the barber. **"Well, I am here and I am a barber."**

"No!" The client exclaimed. **"They don't exist because if they did there would be no people with long hair and beard like that man who is walking down the street right there!"**

"Ah, barbers do exist, what happens is that people do not come to me."

"Exactly!"- Affirmed the client. **"That's the point. God does exist, what happens is people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."**

The amazing thing is that nowhere in the Bible does God seek to prove to us that He exists.

In the 1st chapter of Romans, the Holy Spirit tells us why:

Romans 1:19-20

19 ...because what may be known of God is manifest **in them**, for **God has shown it to them**.
20 For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made**, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse

The Creator of the Universe designed in His Creation His “Invisible Attributes”
“They are CLEARLY SEEN by the things that He made”

The Father designed the Earth and the Heavens in such a way that any logically thinking human being would come away with just one conclusion: “**We have a beautiful, intricately designed, perfectly balanced and ordered Universe, we must have a Creator**”

Romans 1:21-25

21 because, **although they knew God (existed), they did not glorify Him as God**, nor were thankful, *(as a result they)* became **futile in their thoughts**, (FUTILE: their thoughts have no practical value) and their foolish hearts were darkened.
22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
23 and **changed the glory** of the incorruptible God **into an image** made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.
24 **Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness**, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,
25 who **exchanged the truth of God for the lie**, and **worshiped and served the creature** rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

If God were to speak to us, what would He want to say?

- ☞ **Chapter 1** of Hebrews declares that “**God has Spoken**”.
- ☞ **Unfortunately**, Man for the most part, has not been listening.
- ☞ **The problem for man** has always been that God has not spoken to him in a way that man wants to hear.
- ☞ **Instead of just listening** to the voice of God as He has already revealed Himself, Man is constantly trying to define God by Human Terms and by Human Understanding.
- ☞ **Man has created** literally HUNDREDS of Religions to try and “**Speak For God**”.
- ☞ **The book of Hebrews** says that “**God Has Spoken**”, He doesn’t need mans help to speak for Him.
- ☞ **Of the 22 Major classes of World Religions** that are listed, only ONE does not seek to speak for God, but instead just lets God speak for Himself.

Within these 22 Major World Religions, there are literally Hundreds of other sub categories of Religions.

- ⊖ **Of the Thousands** of “Sub Categories” of the Worlds Religions, only **ONE reveals God the way that He has spoken Himself.**
- ⊖ **The Book of Hebrews** Claims that **ONE MAN** is qualified to Speak for God.
- ⊖ **Of All of the Men and Women** that have claimed to “Reveal God”, **only One Man has successfully revealed GOD the way that God has Revealed Himself.**

One Day, Phillip, asked Jesus to “Show us the Father..”, in other words, “Show us What God is Like”.

John 14:9

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

In just 33 1/2 years, Jesus

1. **Proved** that He was the Only One qualified to speak for God.
2. **Has the Credentials** to meet the Qualifications to speak for God.
3. **Showed us What God is like**, what God has to say, What He has done, What He wants to do.
4. **Jesus Proved** that what He said and claimed about the Character and Nature of God was true, **by Resurrecting Himself from the Dead.**

Now lots of men and women have claimed to “Speak for God”, over the last several thousand years.

- ⊖ **None of them** except ONE have been able to prove by observable, verifiable means, that what they said was true.
- ⊖ **One day** Jesus had gotten into a boat, crossed over the sea of Galilee and went to Nazareth.

Matthew 9:2-6

2 Then behold, they **brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed.** When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; **your sins are forgiven you.**”

3 And at once **some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!”**

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts?”

5 For **which is easier, to say, “Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’?**

6 But **that you may know** that **the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins**—then He said to the paralytic, **“Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”**

In other words: “**Anyone can say “Your Sins are Forgiven”,** how would we know if they really were forgiven. There is no way we can verify that the sins were actually forgiven,

But, If someone says to a person that is completely paralyzed, laying on a bed, **“Get up and Walk”**, that is easy to verify.

If that person does get up and walk, we will know that they have the power to heal.

- ⊞ **The power to heal is a power that only God has.**
- ⊞ **Even as the power to forgive sins is only possible by God**

Jesus is saying here, **Even as I have the power to heal this paralyzed man, I also have the power to forgive his sins, because I am God.**

You see, Jesus does not ask you to just “Take your head off and quit thinking or understanding.”

- ⊞ **The hundreds of other religions** of the world require that in order to follow their way of thinking, you must take the word of their leader or church on faith.

When Jesus says something, makes a claim about who He is, or the power that He has, He backs it up with verifiable proof.

- ⊞ **You want proof that I have the power to forgive sin**, I will show you by healing this man who is paralyzed, something you can verify with your own eyes.
- ⊞ **You want proof** that I am everything I claimed to be:
 1. The God of the Universe in Human flesh.
 2. The Power to forgive all of your sins.
 3. The Power to give you eternal life.

“I will prove I have this power by raising myself from the dead.” By the way, I will make sure that over 500 people see me alive after I have been resurrected, and I will stick around for 40 days, just to make sure people have enough time to verify this fact.

- ⊞ **No Religion** of the hundreds that exist in the world today can point to the Resurrection of their leader as proof that everything he said was true, Except Jesus.
- ⊞ **No religion of the world** has the verifiable proof of more than 3,500 prophecies that predict events of history that will happen, with 100 percent Accuracy, proven by history, except your Bible, the Word of God.
- ⊞ **No other religious leader** that has ever lived could point to 300 detailed and specific prophecies that were written hundreds of years before they were born that they perfectly fulfilled, **except Jesus**.

In one of our previous studies we calculated that the odds of one man in all of history being able to fulfill just 48 of these 300 specific prophecies in the bible, would be: 10¹⁶⁸

- ⊕ **Did you know** that The Universe is so large in relation to the actual physical matter that it contains, that it is like a building that is **20 miles long, 20 miles wide and 20 miles high** but contains **only a single grain of sand**. (<http://www.sentex.net>)
- ⊕ **Even with all of the amazing inventions** of man such as the Hubble space telescope, that can measure the Universe, we can only see about 4% of the actual Universe.

How large is the universe, I know, because the Bible tell me:

Isaiah 40:10-12

10 Behold, **the Lord GOD** shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, **Measured heaven with a span...**

“**A Span**” is the distance between a mans Thumb and Pinkie finger... How big is the universe Lord, He answers: “**Oh Just _____ This Big!**”

Hebrews 1:2

...His Son, whom He has appointed **heir of all things**,

Romans 8:16-18

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God**,

17 and **if children, then heirs**—heirs of God and **joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

18 For **I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory** which shall be revealed in us.

The Father has given to The Son all of the wealth and power and beauty of this vast universe...And the Son, your Lord Jesus, wants to share it all with you.

So do you have your sights set on gaining a little for yourself here on earth...You have your sights set too low!

Romans 8:16-17

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3 Jesus, who being **the brightness of His glory** and **the express image of His person**, and **upholding all things by the word of His power**, when **He had by Himself purged our sins**, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Jesus is: “the Brightness of His Glory”

- ⊕ **From the Greek words: “Apaugasma tees Doxees”**. “The Outshining of the Glory of God”
- ⊕ **This is the same expression** that would be used to describe the shining of the Sun.
- ⊕ **Jesus is the literal Glory of God Himself** in all of his outshining Glory”

1 Timothy 6:15-16

...the King of kings and Lord of lords,

16 who alone has immortality, **dwelling in unapproachable light**, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power.

Jesus is the “Express Image of God”

- ⊕ **In Greek**: “**The Hupostaseos**”, “The Character of Gods Substance.”
- ⊕ **That which** makes God, who He Is.
- ⊕ **Jesus is the Exact** CHARACTER, NATURE AND IMAGE OF GOD.
- ⊕ **Jesus is a perfect representation** to us of what God is.
- ⊕ **The Idea comes** from the imprint that a seal would leave upon the wax after the seal is pressed into the wax.
- ⊕ **And Yet**, although Jesus is an exact same essence of what the Father is, Jesus is Himself a totally separate and distinct person.

...Upholding all things by the Word of His Power...

- ⊕ **Jesus Spoke**...”*In the Beginning God Created the Heavens and the Earth...*” and all things were created **from NOTHING!**
- ⊕ **Jesus Speaks** and everything in the Universe is SUSTAINED AND HELD TOGETHER by His Words. (*Can He not then also hold your life together?*)

...He had by Himself Purged our sins...

- ⊕ **“Purged”**, from the Greek words: “**Di Autou**”
- ⊕ **In the Old Testament**, when an animal was brought for the sacrifice of someone’s sins, those sins were only “**Covered**” or “**Kofar**” in the Hebrew language.
- ⊕ **When Jesus made** His ONE SACRIFICE for the Sins of **every person that has ever been born on the earth**, “HE PURGED” those sins.
- ⊕ **Jesus sacrifice** makes those who believe in that sacrifice, “**As if they had never sinned, FOREVER!**”

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4 having become **so much better than the angels**, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say:

“You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You”? And again:

“I will be to Him a Father,

And He shall be to Me a Son”?

This is one of my favorite scriptures because of the fact that here the FATHER says that THE SON is NOT AN ANGEL.

- ☞ **The easiest way** to tell if any religion is classified as a “**Cult**” is What They Do With The Person Of Jesus Christ.
- ☞ **The Bible declares** that **Jesus is God**, always has been, always will be. Jesus Humbled Himself and took the body of a man to become one of us, so that He was qualified to die for our sins.
- ☞ **The Church of Jesus Christ** of Later day Saints claims, no Insists that they are a Christian Church, and yet that they do not believe in the same Jesus that is declared in the Bible.

The Mormon Jesus	The Jesus of the Bible
A Created Being, Older brother of Lucifer	Not Created, Is the Creator Himself, Always was God
Was once a man, Just one of many gods.	Has Always been God, Became a man for us.
Not a Virgin Birth. Conceived by a physical sex act by Elohim (God the Father or Adam) with Mary.	Conceived by the Holy Spirit with Mary who was a Virgin.
Was once a sinful imperfect man.	Eternally Sinless and perfect forever.
Had to Earn his own salvation	Has always been God, did not have to earn salvation
Married to many different wives	Never married to anyone

The Jehovah’s Witness Jesus	The New Age Church Jesus is one of many spiritual teachers, is not God
Jehovah is the mighty god who created Jesus	Islam: Jesus was only a man, a prophet below Mohammed.
Jesus was formerly the Archangel Michael	Hindus: Do not believe that Jesus is God, but just one of many incarnations of Vishnu the Hindu god
While on earth, Jesus was just a perfect man	Buddhists: Jesus is not God. In fact, they Do not believe in any personal God
Jesus did not raise from the dead Bodily, only Spirit	Baha’i: Jesus is just another man who’s career as lord ended when Mohammed founded Islam.
Jesus sacrifice alone did not pay for our salvation, the JW must themselves earn their own salvation.	Christian Science: “the Blood of Jesus was no more able to cleanse sin when it was shed on the cross than when it was flowing in His veins”
	Evolution: “There is no purpose of meaning to life...mankind is one cosmic accident...”

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6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says:

“Let all the angels of God worship Him.”

7 And of the angels He says:

“Who makes His angels spirits
And His ministers a flame of fire.”

8 But **to the Son He says:**

“**Your throne, O God**, is forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

This is really an awesome verse because here in verse 8, the FATHER Himself declares that THE SON is GOD.

Many Bible critics claim that “Jesus Himself never claimed to be God”

John 20:19-29 Sunday, Jesus Rises from the Dead...

19 Then, **the same day at evening, being the first day of the week**, when **the doors were shut** where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, **Jesus came and stood in the midst**, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20 When He had said this, **He showed them His hands and His side**. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

24 Now **Thomas**, called the Twin, one of the twelve, **was not with them** when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

26 And **after eight days** His disciples were **again inside**, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

27 Then **He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side.** Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

28 And **Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"**

29 **Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed.** Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, **Unto us a Son is given**; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And **His name will be called** Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God**, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of **our great God** and Savior Jesus Christ,

John 10:32-33

32 Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because **You**, being a Man, **make Yourself God**

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**.

Colossians 1:16

For **by Jesus 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.

17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

If "All things were created by Jesus, then He Himself cannot be Created"

1. **Jesus is the Creator of the Universe**, of everything that we can see and those things in the Spirit Realm as well as the Invisible Atomic World that we cannot see.
2. **Whatever Jesus created was created FOR Himself**, YOU and I were made for Him. That is why you will never find meaning in your life until you give yourself TO HIM.
3. **Jesus existed before all creation**, including the Angels, Lucifer, and the Visible and Invisible worlds.
4. **Jesus is the One** that preserves and governs all things.

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9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

“God your God”, does that sound confusing? If Jesus is and always has been God, then why does this verse say “God, your God...”

It is important to understand that Jesus is the God and Creator of the Universe BUT...

- ☞ **Jesus “Set aside His Rights, Authority**, and Power to become a servant not only to us as our Savior, but Jesus also was submitted to the Father as His God.
- ☞ **At no time** did Jesus cease to be God, but in his role as Savior He willingly gave up for a time, most of his power and rights as God.

Philippians 2:6-8

6 Jesus, who, being **in the form of God**, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
7 but **made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant**, and coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

John 5:30

I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because **I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me**.

Hebrews 10:5-7

5 Therefore, when Jesus came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But **a body You have prepared for Me**.

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.

7 **Then I said, “Behold, I have come—**In the volume of the book it is written of Me— **To do Your will, O God.**’

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10 And:

“You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

- 11 **They will perish**, but You remain;
And they will all grow old like a garment;
- 12 **Like a cloak You will fold them up**,
And they will be changed.
But You are the same,
And Your years will not fail.”
- 13 But to which of the angels has He ever said:
“Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”?
- 14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Did you know that The World that you live in, the Earth that you walk upon, sleep upon,
IS JUST ABOUT TO EXPLODE?

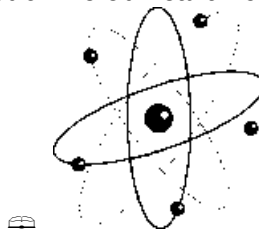
Everything in the universe is made up of the same material: Atoms.

☞ **Each atom** is made up of 3 parts

1. Protons,
2. Neutrons and
3. Electrons.

☞ **The center of the Atom** is the Neutron, also called the “**Nucleus**”

☞ **The electrons circle** the Nucleus like our earth circles the sun.



☞ **Just to give you an idea how small these Atoms are:**

- ☞ **There are enough Atoms** on just the head of a ball point pen that an army of men marching 4 across, each man carrying 1 atom would take 20,000 years to march past you.
- ☞ **It takes 25 trillion** Protons, one of the smallest parts of an Atom, to equal just 1 inch.
- ☞ **The space between the nucleus of the atom** and the electron circling it is 10,000 times larger than the nucleus of the atom.

Which brings me back to these final verses here in Hebrews 1:10-14 and the fact that the world you and I live on wants to EXPLODE!

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2 Peter 3:10,12

10 But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and **the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.**

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which **the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?**

Remember that Nucleus of the Atom that is circled by the Electron?

The Nucleus and the Electron “Repel each other”

- ☞ **You understand the idea of “Repel”** if you have ever been on a disastrous Blind Date.
- ☞ **Anyway,** Both the Nucleus and the Electron circling it, are “Positively charged”.
- ☞ **In a Magnet** you know that there is a “**Positive**” side, and a “**Negative**” side of the magnet.
- ☞ **Touch the Positive side** of the Magnet to the Negative side of the magnet, and they will stick together.
- ☞ **But try to hold** THE 2 POSITIVE SIDES OF THE MAGNET TOGETHER and what happens? They “Repel each other”, you cannot get them to stick together.

Well, this nucleus of the Atom and the Electron circling it, both have the same Positive charges.

- ☞ **This means** that as the Electron is circling the Center of that Atom, its natural desire is to fly away from the center of the Atom, as far as possible.
- ☞ **This means that every Atom** in the Universe, wants to Fly Apart.

We see the results of this fact when we interfere with the Atom by bombarding it with an outside force...When we disturb the natural process of the Atom, with an outside force, all of the energy of those Atoms is released in “**A THERMONUCLEAR EXPLOSION**”

- ☞ **THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE** is wanting to just fly apart, because every Atom in the universe is trying to Repel each other.
- ☞ **What is it that is holding all of the Atoms together?**

Colossians 1:17 (NLT)

Jesus existed before everything else began, and **He holds all creation together**

Remember what Peter said:

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Jesus has His hands on every Atom in the Universe, Keeping them from “Flying Apart”. But someday, this one that the Book of Hebrews so vividly describes for us this morning, will **SIMPLY TAKE HIS HANDS OFF THE ATOMS AND THEY WILL MELT WITH A FERVENT HEAT!**