

THE GOD WHO REVEALS HIMSELF

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³The 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. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Hebrews 2:5-12

⁵It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶But there is a place where someone has testified:

“What is man that you are mindful of him,
the son of man that you care for him?

⁷ You made him a little lower than the angels;
you crowned him with glory and honor

⁸ and put everything under his feet.”

In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. ⁹But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹²He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers;
in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.”

The Bible first and foremost is a book about how God reveals himself to humankind. In the Old Testament he reveals himself through the prophets to the nation of Israel and in the New Testament he reveals himself to the whole world through Jesus. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews main concern is that people should understand how God has revealed himself especially in Jesus and what this means for all who come to him and follow him.

Sometimes we feel God does not reveal himself as clearly as we would like. However, we all know that in the building of a relationship it is very important that we neither reveal too much too quickly nor hide ourselves for too long. If either of these two things happen things can go drastically wrong. In order to form a relationship with the King of all Creation and learn to willingly follow him it is necessary that God not only speaks through the prophets but also comes to us as a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.