

GA: Θ has spoken

SI: What the **M**ississippi is to rivers **Heb 1:1-4** is to the NT. One long sentence made up of 72 words – each charged w/meaning. From high atop **Mt.** Olympus of theology we can see Θ’s sweep of salvation, from creation to the consummation, & at the center of it all is **J**.

ORT: KNOW! – Θ has spoken! – no small thing. Speaking a means of:

Revelation. Gen-Rev, Θ is a Θ who speaks. 10x in **Gen 1** we see “& Θ *said ...*” When Θ speaks, things happen: “*let there be ... & it was so.*” If Θ did not speak, we could not know Him:

- **Creation** – *For His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power & divine nature, have been clearly seen* – but no His love
- **Conscience** – *the work of the law is written on man’s heart* – but it cannot teach us how to live & love rightly
- **History** – teach us about Θ’s sovereignty – it can never explain what Θ was doing in **X** on the cross

Each of these make up a gigantic **R**ubik’s Cube – Jesus is the key, to unlocking Θ, spelling Him out in a language we can understand

Communication. Can be unclear 2 places: **s**peaker or hearer.

FDR experiment @WH, as people passed to greet him, he mumbled “*I murdered my grandmother this morning.*” People were so in awe most never heard. Responded “*Wonderful, Mr. President!*” “*Θ bless you, Mr. President!*” Ambassador to Bolivia passed by, he understood what FDR said. He whispered into FDR ear: “*I’m sure she had it coming.*”

- When Θ speaks He does not mumble or stutter
- **J**—Θ’s perfect communication to us—perfectly signifies Θ to us
- Scripture perfectly represents **J** to us

Salvation. Θ’s perfect communication has as its goal the salvation of all sinners. *Who wants everyone to be saved & to come to the knowledge of the truth (1Tm 2:4).* Θ has spoken!

- 1) Got questions? Θ has spoken in **J**, He is the: answer to your question, solution to your problem, hope for your future, forgiveness for your sins, & salvation for your soul! **Jn 14:6** **J** told him, “*I Am the way, the truth, & the life.*”

TXT: **TURN** Hebrews 1:1-4

CXT: Exhort Jewish Xians to press to maturity. Jesus is **Better** than:

- Anything you have had or will have
- Anything you have done or will do
- Anyone you have known or will know

The author believes **J** is the best that Θ could send & therefore in **X**'s coming, Θ : 1) **speaks**; 2) He **speaks** clearly; & 3) He **speaks** w/finality

CIT: **J** is the ultimate & final Revelation of Θ

CIS: If you are seeking answers from Θ beyond **J** you will be disappointed

PNP: 1 singular & final truth about Θ 's communication w/man

- **Subject:** Θ **v1a**
- **Main verb:** *has spoken* **v1b**
- **2 Propositions** (Prologue): Θ spoke long ago – Θ speaks now

★ 1 Θ , after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions & in many ways,

- Word thru His prophets were true, but partial. Θ spoke thru:
- floods-fires, burning bush-fruit basket, still small voice-booming thunder, proverb-prophecy, natural events-miraculous displays, talking donkey-swimming axe-head, visions-dreams, even angels

You will find today that Θ 's ultimate & final Word is His Son **J**

★ **2a** in these last days has spoken to us in *His Son*,

Mt 1 engaged-pregnant-divorce secretly **20** *an angel* of the Lord appeared to him *in a dream*, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the **HS**. **21** She will give birth to a **Son**, & you are to name Him **J**, because *He will save His people from their sins*.” **22** Now all this took place to fulfill what *was spoken* by the Lord *through the prophet*

★ **2b** whom He appointed (intention) heir (beneficiary) of all things,

★ through whom also He (Θ) made the world (ages – His Story)

★ **3** & He is the radiance (shining forth) of His glory (magnificence)

★ & the exact representation (exact imprint) of His nature

★ & upholds (carries along-PAP) all things by the word of His power

★ When He (because no one else could) had made (once-for-all) purification of sins (forgiveness!!) **D**id not say I am finished!

★ He sat down at the right hand (power) of the Majesty on high,

★ **4** having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

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CEP: Many people seek answers.

2Tm 2:15 *Study to present yourself to Θ as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth*

1Pt 3:15 *ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you*

Some legitimate – some only a façade of pride. We all know someone like that. You can't satisfactorily explain anything. Let me encourage:

Augustine *unless you believe you will not understand*

- 1) Unless one believes what faith asserts as primarily true, do not bother w/other questions
- 2) Greatest Question – *Who do men say that I AM?*
- 3) It is not the head – it is the heart *I need to know ~~this~~ HIM*

Θ instructs us in how to believe in Him. **Ro 10:17** *So faith comes from what is heard, & what is heard comes through the message about X*

- 4) Not our job to change someone's mind. Our job to point them **J**
 - a) **S**upply answers, b) **T**ell your story, c) **B**e consistent, d) **L**ove them, e) **S**erve them, & f) **P**ray for them

What is our response when Θ speaks or His Son?

- **Mt 17:5** *This is My beloved Son, w/whom I am well pleased; listen to Him*
- **Mk 9:7** *This is My beloved Son; listen to Him*
- **Lk 9:35** *This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!*

Mt 11:28 *Come to Me, all of you who are weary & burdened, & I will give you rest*