

A. HEBREWS (ENTIRE BIBLE) PRESUPPOSES THAT GOD EXISTS (1:a)**1. The First Word Is: God**

- a. From this writer's perspective, that God exists is a foregone conclusion that doesn't need explanation
 - 1) The Bible starts w/that assumption in Genesis 1:1
 - a) in the beginning, God. If you're not sure about that, you can't be sure about anything

2. Nowhere Does The Bible Attempt To Prove God's Existence

- a. The Bible doesn't need to prove that God exists 'cuz the very nature of life proves that God exists (Romans 1:16-21)
- b. One example where the creation testifies to the existence of the creator
 - 1) the sun gives off 1,200,000 tons of mass every second
 - a) counting backwards, there was a point in time where sun must have occupied the entire universe
 - b) there was a beginning - the universe was created
- c. (Romans 1:20) *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*

B. THIS GOD, WHO IS CLEARLY SEEN IN & THROUGH HIS CREATION, HAS SPOKEN TO MAN**1. (:1c) God Has Spoken To The Fathers By/Through Prophets (OT)**

- a. "Fathers" understood by Jewish readers to mean their ancestors: Noah, Abraham, Isaac Jacob...
- b. "Prophets" understood to mean the O.T. prophets
 - 1) (Numbers 12:6) *"When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams"*
- c. (:1b) at various times, in various ways
 - 1) Joseph - dreams
 - 2) Moses - burning bush
 - 3) Isaiah, Ezekiel & Daniel - visions (heaven opened)
 - 4) Elijah - still, small voice
 - 5) Amos - a basket of fruit
 - a) God used prophets like instruments
 - 1/ music doesn't come from piano, but from the piano player *through* piano
- c. throughout history God has made himself known to men

2. He Is Not A Secret, Not Hidden, Not Hard To Find

- a. He has always been there, speaking (the Word)

C. (:2) JESUS IS GOD'S MESSAGE TO MAN**1. The Last Days = A Reference To The Messianic Age / Church Age**

- a. Jesus is more than the last in a long line of prophets
- b. Jesus brought in a new age altogether (this *is* the new age - the age of Jesus)
- c. The same God, having spoken through the prophets, now speaks to us by His Son
 - 1) there can be no more reliable, believable, trustworthy one to speak God's message to His people

2. By His Son = In Son

- a. God has spoken, not just through Jesus (as through prophets), but IN Jesus
 - 1) Jn 14:10 *"The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me"*

- a) more than just the method used to communicate the message, Jesus IS the message
- b) His birth, life, death, resurrection & ascension IS the message God has spoken to us
- b. And what is that message that God has spoken to us "in Son"?
 - 1) that He is a God of love, grace, mercy
 - 2) that He is a pardoning God, not a condemning God
 - 3) that He is not angry at you, but loves & forgives & wants to enjoy fellowship w/you
- c. God spoke through the prophets in parts - a little at a time - none of them had the whole truth
 - 1) but Jesus is the whole truth of God
 - a) (John 14:6) "*I am the way & the truth & the life*"
 - b) that makes Him far superior to the prophets who had only small pieces of the truth
 - c) Jesus IS the *truth* of God & the *message* of God
 - d) the whole truth of God has been brought to us in Jesus Christ
- d. And so that we understand the full authority of the Son, He is described for us

3. (:2b) He Is The Heir Of All Things.

- a. Appointed doesn't seem to fit w/our understanding of Jesus as God, 2nd person of co-equal Trinity
- b. Heir of all things = not idea of inheriting after death, but to "have lawful possession of "
 - 1) (Matt 11:27a) "*All things have been given to me by my Father*"
 - 2) (Matt. 28:18) *All authority on heaven & earth has been given to me...*
 - a) what would you do with "all authority"?
 - b) Jesus used "all authority" to give His life to rescue you

4. (:2c) Through Whom He Made The Worlds (Eons = Ages)

- a. *eon* (ages) vs. *kosmos* (world system / way of the world)
- b. (Jn 1:3) *through Him all things were made*
- b. (Col 1:16) *by Him all things were created*
- c. the world that we see around us is not the world God created
 - 1) the world that we live in is the result of man's rebellion against God
 - 2) rejecting God, believing Satan, ignoring the laws of God, we have a world in rebellion against God
 - 3) the purpose of the coming of Jesus is to redeem - buy back - a world that's in rebellion against God, so He can bring it back into fellowship w/God