

Sermon Reflections

A Word on Christmas (Hebrews 1:1-14)

Summary: Jesus came from heaven to speak to you about God. No voice matters but His. LISTEN. God is speaking to you through Christ.

Four Reasons to Listen to the Son: In Christ, God sent the most extraordinary of envoys to communicate with humanity. After thousands of years of communicating through a variety of means, He Himself comes to us! “Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity!”

“See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.” {Hebrews 12:25 ESV}

1. He speaks as the Sustaining Redeemer (vv. 3-4)

- Review the references in these verses to Christ’s deity. Write them down and meditate upon them. What will a deep knowledge of His identity and power do for your heart?
- Christ is the one who holds all things together. (Colossians 1:17) Consider the impact of this truth on your life today, the lives of others around you, the news and current events, and anything you could be worried about.

2. He speaks as the worshipped Son of God (vv. 5-6)

- What characteristics set Jesus apart from the angels, and from everyone else? How can these truths move your heart to greater worship of Him?

3. He speaks as the unchanging Creator (vv. 7-12)

- Christ is eternally unchanging. If verses 10 through 12 were written about you, how would they read? Which lines as written would apply to you? Which lines would have to be drastically rewritten to describe you? Take a moment to glory in Christ’s indestructible life.

4. He speaks as the Ruling King (vv. 13-14)

- Consider Christ’s authority as you read His word. Adopt a heart to obey Him as King, as ruler of your own life and heart, as well as the Redeemer and Savior of your life.

5. “Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.” {Hebrews 2:1 ESV} The author closes the book with a similar charge: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.” {Hebrews 13:8-9 ESV} What are you most likely to drift toward, and thus away from Christ? What most easily leads you away from grace? How can you reject these “foods” and feed instead on Christ?

For further study: Read John 14:1-11. How does Jesus’ message to His disciples both contribute to and fulfill the words of Hebrews 1:1-14?