

THE FINAL WORD - *How God Speaks Through His Son* Hebrews 1:1-2

Introduction: *The Noise of the Season*

- Amid "Christmas Noise," God often feels silent.
- We tend to look for God in thunder or miraculous interventions, but Christmas reminds us that God broke the silence not with a shout, but with a name: Jesus.

I. The Upgrade from Messenger to Son Hebrews 1:1-2

- The Old Way (Email): In the past, God spoke through prophets, visions, and burning bushes. These were messengers delivering partial information.
- The New Way (In Person): Christmas marks the shift where God stopped sending "emails" and showed up in the room. When you look at the manger, you are looking at The Message.

TAKEAWAY: We don't have to guess what God is like or what He wants. He hasn't left us a riddle; He gave us a Person. Jesus is not a messenger; _____!

2. The Clarity of the Image Colossians 1:15 | John 14:9

Men value clarity. We want to know where we stand. A common spiritual struggle is wondering: Is God angry? Is He distant? Is He indifferent?

Jesus is the *eikon* (Gr.) – the precise copy – of the invisible God.

- To see God's view on the compassion: Watch Jesus touch the leper.
- To see God's view on justice: Watch Jesus flip tables.
- To see the extent of God's grace: Look at the manger and the cross.

God is not a distant CEO in a sterile office. He is a Father who gets His hands dirty to rescue His children.

TAKEAWAY: If you want to hear God speak, look at how Jesus lived. Jesus is the perfect translation of God's heart into _____.

3. The Command to Listen Matthew 17:5 (*This is my beloved Son... listen to him.*)

At the Transfiguration, Peter tried to "fix" the situation by strategizing and building. God interrupted him with a simple command: *Listen*

When we stop fixing and start listening, we hear Jesus define reality through His "I Am" statements:

- I am the bread of life. (Jn 6:35)
- I am the light of the world. (Jn. 8:12)
- I am the door. (John 10:9)
- I am the good shepherd. (Jn. 10:11)
- I am the resurrection and the life. (Jn. 11:25)
- I am the way, and the truth, and the life. (Jn 14:6)
- I am the true vine (John 15:1)

TAKEAWAY: Hearing is passive; listening is active. God has spoken through His Son, and our response must be _____.



Table Discussion Questions

- 1. The Noise vs. The Voice** We talked about the "noise" of the season (stress, family, finances). What is the specific "noise" in your life right now that makes it hard for you to hear God's voice this week?
- 2. Seeing the Father** Jesus shows us exactly what the Father is like. Is there a specific attribute of Jesus (His patience, His toughness, His mercy, His anger at injustice) that helps you relate to God the Father better, as a man?
- 3. Active Listening** God's command was simply, "Listen to him." If you were to be honest, what is one thing Jesus has been speaking to you about lately – an area of obedience, a relationship to mend, habit to break, commitment to follow through on – that you've been hesitant to truly "listen" to?

Conclusion

This Christmas, remember that the greatest gift wasn't wrapped in paper, but in swaddling clothes. It was the gift of communication. God broke the silence so that we would know Him, see Him, and follow Him.

The question is no longer, "Is God speaking?" The question is, "_____?"

Next Step: Take 5 minutes of silence this week – no phone, radio, other device – and simply ask the Father to help you listen to the Son.

