

The Word of the Lord
(Hebrews 1:1-3)

Introduction:

1. The Bible teaches in Hebrews 1:1-3 that Jesus is God's spokesman today.
 - a. According to vs.1, in past times God spoke to the Jewish fathers by the prophets.
 - b. God spoke through the prophets:
 - 1) "*at sundry times*": in many parts
 - 2) "*in divers manners*": in many ways.
 - c. In vs.2a, we learn that God has spoken:
 - 1) "*in these last days*": at the end of the Jewish age
 - 2) "*unto us*": those living under the new covenant
 - 3) "*by His Son*": Jesus Christ.
 - d. The writer continued in vs.2b and vs.3 by highly exalting Christ.
 - 1) He has been "*appointed heir of all things.*"
 - 2) God "*made the worlds*" by Him.
 - 3) He is the brightness of God's glory.
 - 4) He is the express image of God's person.
 - 5) He upholds all things by the Word of His power.
 - 6) He has purged our sins Himself.
 - 7) He is seated at God's right hand.
2. Since Jesus is God's highly exalted spokesman, we must pay careful attention to His Word.
3. In our lesson we are considering a number of principles that relate to "the Word of the Lord."
4. Let us begin by showing that . . .

Discussion:

- I. THE WORD OF THE LORD IS THE NEW TESTAMENT
 - A. The messages delivered to the Jewish fathers by the prophets are found in the Old Testament.
 - B. According to Hebrews 9:15, Jesus is "*the mediator of the new testament.*"
 - C. The New Testament is far superior to the Old Testament (Hebrews 8:6-13).
 - D. To help us appreciate the value of the Lord's Word, . . .
- II. JESUS PAID A HIGH PRICE FOR HIS NEW TESTAMENT TO BECOME EFFECTIVE
 - A. Hebrews 9:15 mentions the Lord's death in connection with the fact that He is the mediator of the New Testament.
 - B. Death is required for a testament to become effective (Hebrews 9:16-17).
 - C. Since Jesus died so His new covenant could go into effect, we should appreciate its value.
- III. THE LORD HAS GIVEN US A NUMBER OF RESPONSIBILITIES THAT RELATE TO HIS WORD
 - A. Some negative matters are addressed in:
 1. John 12:48
 2. Galatians 1:6-9
 3. Revelation 22:18-19 (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; 1 Corinthians 4:6).
 - B. Some positive instructions are given in:
 1. John 8:31-32
 2. Colossians 3:16-17
 3. 2 Timothy 2:15
 4. James 1:21-25.

Conclusion:

1. The Lord will bless Christians who keep His Word.
2. The Lord will bless congregations that keep His Word (Revelation 3:8, 10).