

Name Above All Names; Hebrews 1:1-4

I. God Spoke

- A. Hebrews 1:1 (ESV); Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
- B. It is amazing to me that God would speak to us
 - 1. Before Moses God spoke to the heads of the families — Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
 - 2. During the Law of Moses, God spoke to the Levitical Priesthood — occasionally God would speak directly to someone — Moses, Joshua
 - 3. God spoke directly to the prophets trying to get Israel (and others) to return to Him — Jonah is a very well known prophet
 - a) It is interesting that Jonah did not prophecy to the Israelites, but to the people of Nineveh
 - b) It looks like that is a foreshadow of “all nations will be blessed”
- C. Since the beginning God has communicated with his people — that has not changed

II. His Son

- A. Hebrews 1:2 (ESV); but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.
- B. His only, unique son who was with God in the beginning — “Let US make man OUR image” (Genesis 1:26)
 - 1. His only, unique son left the splendor of heaven to come and speak to His people
 - 2. He speaks to each one of us directly — not through the heads of families or through priests or prophets
 - 3. God moved away from flawed humans (Jonah) to the divine
- C. God’s son (unique, only one) came and delivered the words in person
 - 1. Then, He had words written down for us
 - 2. Luke 19:10 (ESV); For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
 - 3. John 5:33–34 (ESV); ³³ You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ³⁴ Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.
- D. Jesus’ purpose was to bring a better covenant, and this new covenant was promised from the very beginning
 - 1. Genesis 12:3 (ESV); I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
 - 2. Galatians 3:16 (ESV); Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.
- E. There is something very special about His name

III. His Name

- A. Hebrews 1:3–4 (ESV); ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
- B. Names are important to God
 - 1. Genesis 17:4–5 (ESV); ⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.
 - 2. Genesis 32:27–28 (ESV); ²⁷ And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.”
- C. The name of Jesus should be important to us

1. Isaiah 9:6 (ESV); For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 2. Matthew 1:21–23 (ESV); ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).
 3. Philippians 2:9–11 (ESV); ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 4. The root word of the name ‘Jesus’ in its noun form means ‘deliverance’
 5. But common as the name was, Jesus was named “Jesus” by design. In Greek, it is Iēsous; in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, Yesu. Both are derived from the Hebrew, in which the name is Yeshua or Joshua. Joshua is made up of two parts: Ya, which is short for Yahweh, and hoshea, which means “salvation.” Hence, Mary and Joseph gave their little baby the name Jesus — “Yahweh saves.” ¹
- IV. Name Above All Names
- A. Radiance — If God is the sun the Jesus is the brightness of the sun
 - B. Imprint — representation, character
 - C. Word of His Power — this is not ‘the Word,’ but it means message, statement — God’s message is power and has been given to us by one who provides deliverance
 - D. “Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord — Immanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word” Nadia Hearn

¹ DeYoung, Kevin. “The Name of Jesus.” Ligonier Ministries, Tabletalk Magazine, 1 Dec. 2011, www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/the-name-of-jesus/.