

“Taking God at His Word”

Class Notes Week 4 // (07-26-15)

Class Memory Verse: Eph. 4:29

GOD’S WORD IS ENOUGH

TEXT: Hebrews. 1:1-4

Attributes of Scripture

- Today, and the weeks following we’ll look at 4 essential characteristics of Scripture.
- Here’s an acronym: S - C - A - N to help remember these 4 traits:
 - (1) SUFFICIENCY: The Bible, indeed, is complete. No new revelation is required. (Prov. 30:6)
 - (2) CLARITY: The command of the “new birth” is plainly taught/easily understood. (John 3:16)
 - (3) AUTHORITY: God’s Holy Word is final! (Gen. 1:1)
 - (4) NECESSITY: The Bible is needed by all mankind for salvation/holy living (Rom.10:13)

These 4 attributes of Scripture truthfully teach that God’s Word is final; the Word of God is understandable; the Bible is necessary; and God’s Word is enough.

ON SUFFICIENCY

- No excuse for disobedience. (2 Tim. 3:14-15)
- Makes us responsible to God. (John 3:3)
- Scripture empowers us. (2 Tim 3:16-17)

TODAY’S TEXT (Heb. 1: 1-4)

- vv. 1, 2 begin with 4 contrasts:
 - 1-Eras. “Time past” is over. We’re now in “these last days.”
 - 2-Recipients. “Time past” God spoke to Jewish ancestors; in “these last days” to us.
 - 3-Agents. “Time past” God spoke by Moses; in “these last days” God has spoken by Jesus.
 - 4-Ways. “Time past” God spoke at many times/many manners; in “these last days” by Jesus.
- Four contrasts/one conclusion: Christ is the final agent of God’s redemption/revelation.

- vv. 2-4 affirm:
 - 1-The Son is heir of all things. (v.2b)
 - 2-The Son is the Creator of all things. (v.2c)
 - 3-The Son upholds all things. (v.3a)
 - 4-The Son is the express image of God. (v.3a)
 - 5-The Son purged our sins. (v.3b)
 - 6-The Son sat down. (v.3b)
 - 7-The Son is made so much better than the angels. (v.4)

- vv. 1-4 show us the ultimate theme that appears throughout the Book of Hebrews:

(1) Jesus is superior to angels (Chs.1-2)

AND:

(2) To Moses (Ch. 3)

(3) To Joshua (Chs. 3-4)

(4) To Aaron (Ch. 5)

(5) To Abraham (Ch. 6)

(6) To Melchizedek (Ch. 7)

(7) To the old covenant (Ch. 8)

(8) To the Tabernacle (Ch. 9)

(9) To the High Priest (Ch. 10)

(10) To the treasures of this world (Ch. 11)

(11) To Mt. Sinai (Ch. 12)

(12) To our earthly city (Ch. 13)

- Though Jesus has finished His work as Prophet, Priest, King He continues to work through those 3 offices:

(1) As King - Jesus reigns from Heaven, but there are still enemies to defeat. (Heb. 2:18)

(2) As Priest - Jesus' blood fully paid for our sins once for all yet salvation freely offered (2:3)

(3) As Prophet - No new revelation, but "...the Word of God is quick and powerful."

(Heb. 4:12). When Scriptures are read and taught the Holy Spirit speaks. (3:7)

- Practical Applications of Sufficiency of Scripture:

(1) Keeps tradition in its place. "Scripture alone" is implicit in understanding Bible sufficiency.

(2) Scripture cannot be added to or subtracted from. (Deut. 4:12; Prov. 30:5-6; Rev. 22:18-19)

(3) It ensures God's Word is relevant to all of life. (2 Tim. 3:14-17)

- "For the people of God to live their lives to the glory of God, God's Word is enough."

- Kevin DeYoung