

The Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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Jesus is the ultimate prophet and the express image of God, through whom God speaks to us, and he holds the whole world and upholds all things.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes that everything in the world is under God's control. He explains that even if someone were to hold a gun to our head, it would only go off if God allowed it. The preacher highlights the importance of hearing God's voice, as he speaks to us through his Son, Jesus. He urges listeners to fear and worship God, making Him the priority in their lives. The sermon references Hebrews 1:1 and 1 John 18 to emphasize that God has spoken to us through his Son, who is the heir of all things and the creator of the world.

Transcript

Let's turn to our text, Hebrews chapter 1, from verse 1. God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds. Who, being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high. These words contain so much, so I'll just take some of it.

Before we continue, let us pray. Lord we need you and through your Holy Spirit, enlighten this to us that we will be blessed by it, amen. Today I'd like to speak about the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are some people that say, well the whites and the missionaries, they came and they said, they told us to give up our ancestral spirits and accept their ancestral spirits. But I want to make it clear that the Lord Jesus is not an ancestral spirit as others say. That is the ancestral spirit.

The ancestral spirit is a human spirit, the human soul. So Jesus is not just a human spirit, an ancestral spirit. Because Jesus died and he rose again, and they saw him, experienced him, and then he ascended into heaven, he as a person.

So don't number Jesus among the ancestral spirits. Jesus is actually God, in spite of the fact that he also became man. Amen.

We just recently celebrated Christmas, the coming of our Lord Jesus. And he looked at this child that was born, who was more wonderful and glorious than anyone else that had ever come to the surface. No other child had ever been born that could be compared with this child that was born there in the stable, lying there in a manger on the straw.

He was in a lowly despised place. Looked down upon, and yet there was no one greater than Jesus himself, who was God. I want you to understand that this child was different to any other child, and how great he is.

Because can you tell me of any other child that was ever born, whose birth was announced by the angels themselves? He was the first and the last that was born in this way, where when he was born, the heavens were opened, heaven came down, and it was announced to the people on earth. And this shows us that this child is unlike any other child. This child is God himself.

He alone holds the whole world. In fact, he upholds all things. It only exists because of him.

He upholds all things by the word of his power. Our text says he upholds everything. He allows everything.

And by the testimony of the words of God and scriptures, he is the eternal rock. Jesus asked his disciples, he said, what do people say about me? Who am I? They said, some say you are John the Baptist, others say you are Elijah, or Ezekiel that has come back to life. And then he said, but what do you say who I am? And Peter answered, he said, you are the Christ, the son of the living God.

And the Lord said, Peter, flesh and blood, no man has revealed this to you. God himself has revealed it to you. And then he said, upon this rock, I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

Now some people are confused by it. They say that that means that Peter was the rock and is the rock on which the church is built. And yet that's not the case.

In the Greek, in the original text, it says, you are Petros, but on this Petra, I will build my church. Now Petros means a rock, but one that is split, that's been broken. Now it could be a big or small rock, but you refer to it as a Petros.

But now Petros refers to a massive rock, huge, like the rock of Gibraltar. So when Peter said, you're the Christ, the son of the living God, the Lord Jesus responded and he said, you are Petros, that small rock that's broken, but on this Petra, that big rock, I will build my church. Now, we as believers, we build our churches, we build our churches, we build our churches. Now, we as believers, we build upon this Petra and that's where the church is built upon and that rock will prevail no matter what happens in this world, no matter how difficult or what comes its way, it will stand firm.

So we cannot, Jesus is different to an ancestral spirit. We cannot refer to him as an ancestral spirit of the Jews. No, he is not to be counted among those spirits.

In John 1 verse 18, no one has seen God at any time, the only begotten son who is in the bosom of the father, he has declared him. Now the second point, I'm trying to keep it short. Now these were the real prophets that we find in the Old Testament, people sent by God who brought God's messages, not like the

self-declared prophets of nowadays.

So throughout the Old Testament, from the time of Moses through to Malachi, throughout there are prophecies. So through them already God declared what was to happen, that a virgin would give birth to a son and he would be a king and many more things. But then there were other prophecies.

And then there are many other prophets, there are 30 prophets that are mentioned in the Bible that don't have a special book allocated just to them. And that's why it says here, God who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets. At various times.

And from the time of Moses right through to Malachi was 1450 years before Christ. And God spoke in various ways at various times. In the Bible there are 66 books.

And if we read we find that no one book is exactly like another one. If you take Psalms. If you compare Psalms with the Proverbs you realize that it's different in the way it's written.

And then even if you take the prophets, Isaiah and Ezekiel and you compare the way it's written and what is said, it's presented in a different way. And if you take And if you take Ezra and Nehemiah and you compare it with the book of Judges, you realize that it's presented in different ways. So even though the prophets spoke in these different ways, yet they were inspired by God.

It was God speaking through them. Let me illustrate it this way. You can have a Zulu preaching, an Englishman speaking, a Greek or a Jew speaking, and even though they will all preach the same gospel, but they speak in different ways, different languages.

So we cannot say, well, the Bible is a book for the whites or for the blacks or for the Jews. It is God speaking through people. The last point.

He ultimately then spoke through his own son. Now God was no longer speaking through his prophets, but speaking through his own son. Today we don't need prophets to prophesy about the Lord because he is the ultimate prophet, the highest authority, and now God speaks through him.

Now the Muslims say that Muhammad was the last prophet and therefore one should listen to him. But the Hindus, on the other hand, says theirs is the oldest religion, so that is what we should be listening to. We should be listening to our ancestors.

You heard the Honorable M.E.C. saying how he grew up, that they weren't involved in ancestral worship rituals, and we see how God kept them. There was a certain queen, when one of the children was to be born, she said, I'd like this child just to be begotten through prayer, and that it's brought up with prayer. None of the other rituals, and that child turned out to be the healthiest and best.

So no one prophesied, no one had to tell us, God Himself spoke through His Son, and His Son is His heir, and He rules together with Him. And God has placed Him above everything else. He is the firstborn, the heir.

So He was not just so despised as He was when He came into this world, no, He was highly honoured, and I think the whole of heaven, all the angels must have gotten up and said, we have to announce this. So in times past, God spoke through people, through His prophets, to bring His message. But now in these times, God Himself speaks.

His Son is speaking, so that's Him speaking. Jesus said, who sees Me, sees the Father. Jesus said, Philip, why do you say, show Me the Father? You've been with Me for so long, haven't you realised yet that if you see Me, you see the Father? For I and the Father are one, I and Him, and He and Me.

The Bible speaks much of the fact that He is God Himself. And the Son, He Himself, who being the brightness of His glory and the expression of His glory, image of his person. So he's the express image of God.

God whom we cannot see and yet we see Jesus. And all that is created was created through him, by him, for him. So Jesus is the image of God.

If I see him and I see God. If I see Jesus, I see the image of God. I see his very person, his character.

And that's why that it says in God's word, no one has seen God at any time. But the only begotten son who is in the bosom of the father, he has declared him. Through him we see God.

And Jesus himself holds all things and upholds all things. He upholds all things by the word of his power. Look at the sun.

Look at the sun and at night, the moon and the stars that you cannot even count. There are so many and God holds it all. The sun.

And God, God controls everything. Jesus upholds it all. He supports it all.

The sun will not come up in the east and set in the south. The stars don't bump into each other. All that has been created, he holds in his hand and controls.

In summer or in winter. Whether it's hot or cold. He holds it in his hand and controls it.

He holds it in his hand and controls it. He holds it in his hand and controls it. He holds it in his hand and controls it.

He holds it in his hand and controls it. He holds it in his hand and controls it. And everything follows the path that God has set.

He controls it all. Everything, the sun, the seasons, everything God holds in the palm of his hand. He controls everything.

Someone can even hold a gun to your head. Pull the trigger. Won't go off unless he allows it.

It's upheld by his word of power. Now God is speaking to you and he's speaking to me through this word today. Do we hear God speaking to us? Do we hear when Jesus speaks? It would be sad if we do not hear because this is God himself speaking through his only begotten son.

It's not just man speaking, this is God himself speaking through his son Jesus. And he is that great mighty rock and who are you but this small broken rock and if that mighty rock falls on you, you'll be nothing. Many people treat God like a spare wheel of a car.

They put him in the boot, they forget about him, they go their own ways, do their own thing, even at Christmas time. They don't even think of him, they just party, they live their moral lives, they forget about God until they get a flat tire, then they get him out. Let's pray.

Let's pray.

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