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Consider Jesus: The Supreme Revelation Hebrews 1:1-2:4

There is no such thing as a “non-believer” - we are all people of faith! Even if we believe we humans are just a bunch of swirling protons, neutrons, and electrons with only the illusion of self-consciousness - we’re working from a belief system (with its own evangelists, doctrines, and keys to success!). The song of human life is always sung in a “religious” key.

In the letter to the Hebrews the author is challenging his readers to tune their hearts to the key of Christ: "Consider Jesus!" He is presented as the true and complete revelation of God (1:1-3). Others - prophets, angels, etc—may have been messengers, but Jesus Christ is Messenger and the Message. Everything God has to say about Himself He says in Jesus Christ. What was promised is fulfilled. What was partial has become whole. What may have been imperfect is now perfect. We better pay close attention to Him (2:1).

The author cites seven (complete, perfect, finished) things about Jesus Christ as the Supreme Revealer of all things God:

- 1) He Alone Is the Heir of All Things (1:2) - All the "goods" of life are in Christ and as "joint heirs" with the Son (Ro 8:17) to "drift away" (2:1) from Him would be to leave everything we need for life and godliness.
- 2) He Alone Is the Creator of All Things (1:2) - As the Uncreated Creator all things find their meaning in Him - our very purpose for being is in Christ.
- 3) He Alone Is the Living Expression of All Things God (1:3) - He fully radiates the entire essence of God's nature and our only hope of experiencing God's glory is in a first hand knowledge of Him.
- 4) He Alone Is the Substance of All That Is Godly (1:3) - He is the fullness of God solidly imprinted ("represented") in human form and the only way to be "solid" with God is to be "solid" with Him.
- 5) He Alone Is the Sustainer of All Things (1:3) - He created life and "upholds" the conditions that hold it together - to neglect Him is to move toward chaos and disorder in our personal lives.
- 6) He Alone Is the Purifier of All Sins - (1:3) - He alone makes entrance into Divine Life possible by fully and finally dealing with human sin and sins.
- 7) He Alone Is the Ruler of All Things (1:4) - He sits at "the right hand" of God on the throne of a victory well won... and we with Him! (Eph 2:6)

Can you see why this writer says, "We must pay much closer attention to Him". ...we must not "drift away" from Him... we must not "neglect so great a Savior/salvation" (2:1-4) He alone is enough for us!

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Greetings

One of the first warnings in Hebrews is to make sure that we do not "drift away" from the Truth of the Gospel, Jesus Christ the Lord. If we "slip off anchor" (a common usage for that word "drift") we may find ourselves in the grip of powerfully adverse currents.

How do we know when we are drifting? Slipping off anchor? The signs and symptoms will vary from person to person, but common indicators include:

- ...more whining than worship
- ...applying the truth to others and not ourselves
- ...desiring to impress others more than express Christ
- ...engaging in foolish controversies and arguments
- ...blaming, excusing, rationalizing
- ..._____ (you fill in the blank!)

Drifting, slipping off anchor is rarely intentional, but it does happen. It mostly happens when we're careless, tired, frustrated, self-absorbed. We put our minds on something else and neglect the "main thing" at hand.

Let's do a "re-set" this month. Let's choose right now to not neglect so great a Savior, to pay much closer attention to Him so that the radiance of His glory and the expression of His character finds its escape through us!

CALENDAR

MARCH

4-7 Anderson, SC (864-226-1789)

13 Alachua Study

27 Ocala Study

APRIL 20-21 Grace Bible, Sebring, FL (staff retreat)

MAY 4-6 Waymart, PA (607-239-5006)

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