

Jesus Christ -- The Revelation and Provision of God

Introduction

- A. In the Bible we are continually confronted by a Person – Jesus Christ. He claimed to be the Son of God (John 9:35-38; 10:35-38); to forgive sins (Matthew 9:6); to be the only way to God (John 14:6); and to be the Savior of those who believe on Him (John 3:36).
- B. It is important to realize that Jesus Christ is not only the revelation of God but He is also God's provision for us.

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him. John 1:18

But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. I Cor. 1:30

God, Who at sundry times (various times) and in divers manners (many ways) spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son Hebrews 1:1,2

- C. The book of Hebrews presents the message that Jesus Christ is the revelation and provision of God. The descriptions of the Lord Jesus Christ are given to us to emphasize the importance of responding correctly to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Heir of All Things.

God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed heir of all things Hebrews 1:2

This description simply points to the truth that Jesus Christ owns all the universes. If He is that great then we should hear and obey His Word.

II. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Creator of All Things.

. . . by Whom He made the worlds Hebrews 1:2

One of the ways we indicate an individual's importance is by the measurement of his ability. It is staggering to realize how easily we minimize and even disobey the Word given to us by the One Who is great enough to be able to create all the universes.

III. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Brightness of God's Glory.

Who being the brightness (reflected splendor) of His glory Hebrews 1:3

This statement indicates that Jesus Christ was the One through Whom God manifested Himself. We see God's mercy and love in forgiving the woman at the well; we see God's power in the raising of Lazarus from the dead; we see God's holiness and truth in Jesus Christ asking the beggar the question, "Wilt thou be made whole?". God revealed Himself through His Son Jesus Christ – we may not count His Word as unimportant.

IV. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Express Image of God's Person.

. . . the express image of His person Hebrews 1:3

The word "image" refers to that which is engraved or stamped. Not only do we see the work of God in the ministry of Jesus Christ (C. above) but we see the Person of God in the Person Of Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus said that He was the Truth of God (John 14:6); He is held up as the example of love (John 13:34,35); and even the demons recognized that He was the Holy One of God (Mark 1:24).

V. The Lord Jesus Christ Upholds All Things by the Word of His Power.

. . . and upholding all things by the Word of His power Hebrews 1:3

This description again emphasizes the greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ. He maintains the universes in their created order and in the execution of the will of God. For a man to choose to disobey the Word of One so great is the height of folly.

VI. The Lord Jesus Christ, by His Crucifixion, made it Possible for Man to be Forgiven.

... when He had by Himself purged our sins Hebrews 1:3

These words indicate that the Lord Jesus is the Savior of mankind. He was born into the world so that He might die as man's substitute on the Cross. By that act He has made a cleansing and forgiveness of sins possible. To disobey the One Who died in our place – is in itself a most serious sin.

VII. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Exalted and Victorious Lord.

... sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. Hebrews 1:3

This reference to being seated indicates a finished task. The Lord Jesus is seated at God's right hand to remind us that the provision of His death and Resurrection is a perfect provision. It is also an indication of his greatness. This is presented as an added incentive for obeying the Word of God.

Conclusion

- A. No one would take a public stand against the Lord Jesus Christ – unless they had been seriously embittered or failed to understand Biblical Christianity.
- B. We all need to face the truth that obedience has to do with practical decisions.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye, present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. I John 2:15