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HEBREWS

JESUS IS GREATER

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Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV) ¹ In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,
² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) ² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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I. God Spoke

Hebrews 2:1 (NIV) ¹ We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

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Hebrews 2:3 (NIV) ³ how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?

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"Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me"

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A. Ascribes personality to God

Genesis 1:1 (NIV) ¹ In the beginning God created...

Romans 1:20 (NIV) ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

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B. Assumes communication with man

Acts 2:6 (NIV) ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV) ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

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C. Affirms that He has something to say

Mark 1:22 (NIV) ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Proverbs 30:5-6 (NIV) ⁵ "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

⁶ Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

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C. Affirms that He has something to say

Revelation 22:16-21 (NIV) ¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

I. God Spoke

C. Affirms that He has something to say

John 6:67-68 (NIV) ⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

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II. God has Spoken to Us

A. Anticipatory through the prophets

2 Peter 1:21 (NIV) ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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II. God has Spoken to Us

A. Anticipatory through the prophets

Ezekiel portrayed the glory of God, but Christ reflected it.... Isaiah expounded the nature of God as holy, righteous and merciful, but Christ manifested it.... Jeremiah described the power of God, but Christ displayed it.... He far surpasses the best of prophets in earlier times and those wavering Christians [along with us] must listen to his voice [The Bible Speaks Today-Hebrews, 28].

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B. Finally in His Son

John 1:14 (NIV) “Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...”

Colossians 2:9 (NIV) ⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

John 14:9 (NIV) ⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

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John 14:27 (NIV) ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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