

THE REVELATION OF GOD

HEBREWS 1:1, 2

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: It is believed that Hebrews was addressed to a house church in Rome that was experiencing severe punishment and martyrdom. “The writer of Hebrews was writing to admonish and encourage his friends, a small group of Jewish Christians who were scared stiff.” R. Kent Hughes, Hebrews, Volume One: An Anchor for the Soul, p.19.

WAS THROUGH THE PROPHETS. In the Old Testament the prophets were “the mouthpiece of God.” Kenneth S. Wuest, Word Studies in the New Testament, Volume II: Hebrews, p. 33; and from Genesis to Malachi, their message from God about the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, was accurate and progressive. If you are Hebrew, understand the revelation from God in the Old Testament as progressive, culminating in Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 1:1, fn 1:1, 2, Numbers 12:1-14, Isaiah 53:1-12, fn 53:1ff, fn 53:4, 5, Psalm 22:14-18, fn 22:1, fn 22:9-11, Matthew 27:35, fn 27:35 [See also “Messianic Prophecies and Fulfillment” located after John and before Acts.] II Peter 1:19-21, fn 1:20, 21) *How can you be sure that the Old Testament prophecies were from God?*

IS NOW THROUGH JESUS. The prophets understood that the revelation given to them was incomplete. “What God said through the Son clarified the intention of the word spoken to the fathers. From this perspective, the recent revelation in the Son is viewed as fulfillment...” William L. Lane, Word Biblical Commentary: Hebrews 1-8, p. 11. Now God has spoken to you through Jesus, making Himself known to you, who have trusted Jesus for your salvation. (Hebrews 1:2a, Luke 24:13-27, fn 24:27, John 1:11-13, fn 1:12, 13, John 16:7-15, fn 16:10, 11, fn 16:13, I Peter 1:10) *How could you know God more and more?*

IS PERSONAL. When Jesus lives in you, you have a personal relationship with Him through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit speaks to you, not only through God’s Word, which is living and active, but He also speaks to you through His presence. When you are filled with (controlled by) the Holy Spirit, His presence gives you confident assurance that Jesus is speaking to you. (Hebrews 1:2a, John 14:15-27, fn 14:15, 16, fn 14:18, fn 14:22, 23, John 17:3, fn 17:3, Ephesians 5:18, fn 5:18, Ephesians 3:12, fn 3:12, Hebrews 4:12, fn 4:12, Hebrews 4:15, 16, fn 4:16) *How is the presence of the Holy Spirit available for Jesus to speak to you? What part does the Word have?*

As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God’s majesty and glory?