

Speaker: Robert Houston
Date: 6th May 2012
Reading: Hebrews 1:1-2
Subject: God has spoken

“God” - supreme authority - “over all blessed forever” (Rom 9:5), “from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God” (Psa 90:2).

God's name is so often taken in vain but we must remember who He is.

“everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator” (Isa 40:8)

We are all under authority – parents, teachers, bosses, councils, SMPs, MPs

God is the final authority. There is no government on earth God is not over.

“last days” - 2 Tim 3:1 - “In last days, perilous times...”

Days when the Lord Jesus will come back to take His own people home.

Think of first days: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...God said, “Let there be light and there was light” (Gen 1:1,3).

As John Baptist was in Jordan baptising, one came asking for baptism. John recognised who He was, “Jesus of Nazareth” (Matt 3:14), but more than that, “This is my beloved Son” (Matt 3:17).

The Lord Jesus could say, “I am the light of the world....”(John 8:12).

God hath spoken, to who? Unto us.

The Old Testament tells us a lot about Him speaking to the Jews.

How did He speak? By his Son, There is something special about the Son of God.

The four gospels tells us different things of what the Lord Jesus Christ said.

(Luke 2:49) Speaking to all the men of theology He would then tell Mary “I must be about my Father's business”. A business far greater than carpentry in Nazareth. He was the Son of God and would be about business of His Father in heaven.

Reclaiming men and women for Himself. “For God so loved the world ”(John 3:16). You may feel nobody loves you but God loves you.

He was going to defeat the enemy Satan, the one who seeks to defile us that we won't be fit for God.

He would rescue those who had done wrong “spirit of God upon...” (Luke 4:18) “Gospel of God ... concerning His Son” (Rom 1:1,3).

(Mat 3:15) “It becometh us to fulfill all righteousness”

He was the only righteous person. “There is none righteous, no not one” (Rom 3:10).

God had a plan, the Lord Jesus entered into it.

God wants you to inhabit His heaven but He must bring you there on a righteous basis. Sin and sinners cannot be in His presence. “The soul that sinneth it shall die” (Ezek 18:20) not only naturally but eternally. This was His verdict but He had a plan of salvation. Only one could open the gate of heaven and let us in.

“loved righteousness and hated iniquity” (Heb 1:9). He reflected the character of His Father, of Him the cherubim would say “Holy, holy, holy” (Isa 6:3).

John's gospel as John would say “Behold, the Lamb of God” (John 1:36) two disciples left John Baptist and turned to follow Jesus. Jesus would say to them “What seek ye?” (John 1:38).

What do you look for? Health, wealth, happiness.

“The joy of the Lord” .

The disciples ask where He lived and He says “Come and see” (John 1:39).

He invites you to come, to repent of sin and believe the gospel.

“Love not the world...” (1 John 2:15)

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matt 6:33)

(Mark 1:15) “Repent and believe the gospel”. Change your mind and your attitude towards God.

To believe – a commitment of faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

The gospel – God's Only Son Provides Eternal Life.

The Lord Jesus lived His life of total subjection to the will of God.

The last words before He died. Words spoken on the cross.

“Father forgive them”(Luke 23:34) looking upon the crowd, seeing men and women He had seen before.

“It is finished” (John 19:30) - The work of salvation was completed to the satisfaction of a Holy God. A work of God, not a work of man, none other was fit to be on the cross and take the sinners place.

“God in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself” (2 Cor 5:19).

We should have borne the punishment for our sins but He became the substitute, the speaker could say “He gave Himself for me” (Gal 2:20).

He triumphed over death.

“God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36)

There was a resurrection, now we don't think about a man among men but a Lord in heaven, “seated at the right hand of majesty on high”.

The end of the Bible records “Surely I come quickly” (Rev 22:20) “The coming of the Lord draweth nigh” (James 5:8) “Maranatha – The Lord is coming” (1 Cor 16:22)

Some in the world will still say “Where is the promise...”(2 Pe 3:7-9).

When He comes He will come for His own.

Are you one of His own?

Have you ever thought about eternal things? What is your reaction?

Don't refuse Him that speaks.

God speaks in grace, not in judgment.