



# DIVINITY

FROM ETERNITY TO THE CRADLE

Divinity – Still Speaking

Hebrews 1:1-5; 2:1-4, 9-10

1. *The Creator of the universe is “relational.” He wants to be known and has expressed Himself to be known. If there ever is a time to **connect** with the HS, it is at Christmas!*
- *Heb. 1:1-2 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these **last days** he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. (ESV)*
  - *Isa 9:6 For a child will be born **to us**, a son will be given **to us**; ...*
  - *Isa. 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will **give** you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Immanuel. (ESV)*
  - *Luk 2:11 for today in the city of David there has been born **for** you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

*We are likewise, relational, created in His image. We communicate in multiple ways with one another. Look how God has done likewise with us:*

- *Heb 2:1-6 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.<sup>2</sup> For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, ...,<sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,<sup>4</sup> while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will...<sup>6</sup> It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, ...?"*

9 separate types of “messaging.” After 2000+ years, God is still speaking. Any way you can “tune in” to the conversation more clearly? Heb 11:6

1. *Many times, many ways – prophets.* v1:1
2. *Jesus-- better than a “Moses”, angels.* V 1:2-4
3. *Direct from God.* Luke 9:35
4. *Scripture.* V 1:5-6; Ps 2:7
5. *Angels.* V2:2; Rev 2 , 3
6. *Eye-witnesses.* V2:3
7. *Signs and wonders.* John 10:37-38
8. *Various miracles.* John 5:36, 14:11
9. *Spiritual gifts.* 1Cor 12:4f
10. *Still speaking today!*

WHEN YOU CHANGE  
THE WAY YOU  
LOOK AT THINGS,  
THE THINGS YOU  
LOOK AT CHANGE

*Our relational God is personal. He wants to “speak” to us in our “stuff.” Do you need to be reminded this Christmas to seek refuge in Him?*

- Ps. 17:6-8 *I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, (ESV)*
- Ps. 56:8-9 *You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. ... This I know, that God is for me. (ESV)*
- C S Lewis “Perelandra” (an angel speaking) “*When he died in the wounded world (earth), He died not for men, but for each man. If each man had been the only man made, he would’ve done no less.*”

2. Is your Jesus the “*radiance*” of the “*glory of God*” to you? *Christmas is that time of the year where it is easy to get “stuck” in what you have lost rather than be found in what you have.*

A. *Notice what the text does not say in 1:3:*

– *Heb. 1:2-3 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, ...<sup>3</sup> He is the *radiance of the glory of God* and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After *making purification for sins*, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

• *Not: Jesus is the *radiance of God* ...*

B. *What does “making purification for sins” have to do with the “*radiance of the glory of God*”?*

– *Is he taking a break now or does he have the ear of God?*

## *To digress: What is the “glory of God”?*

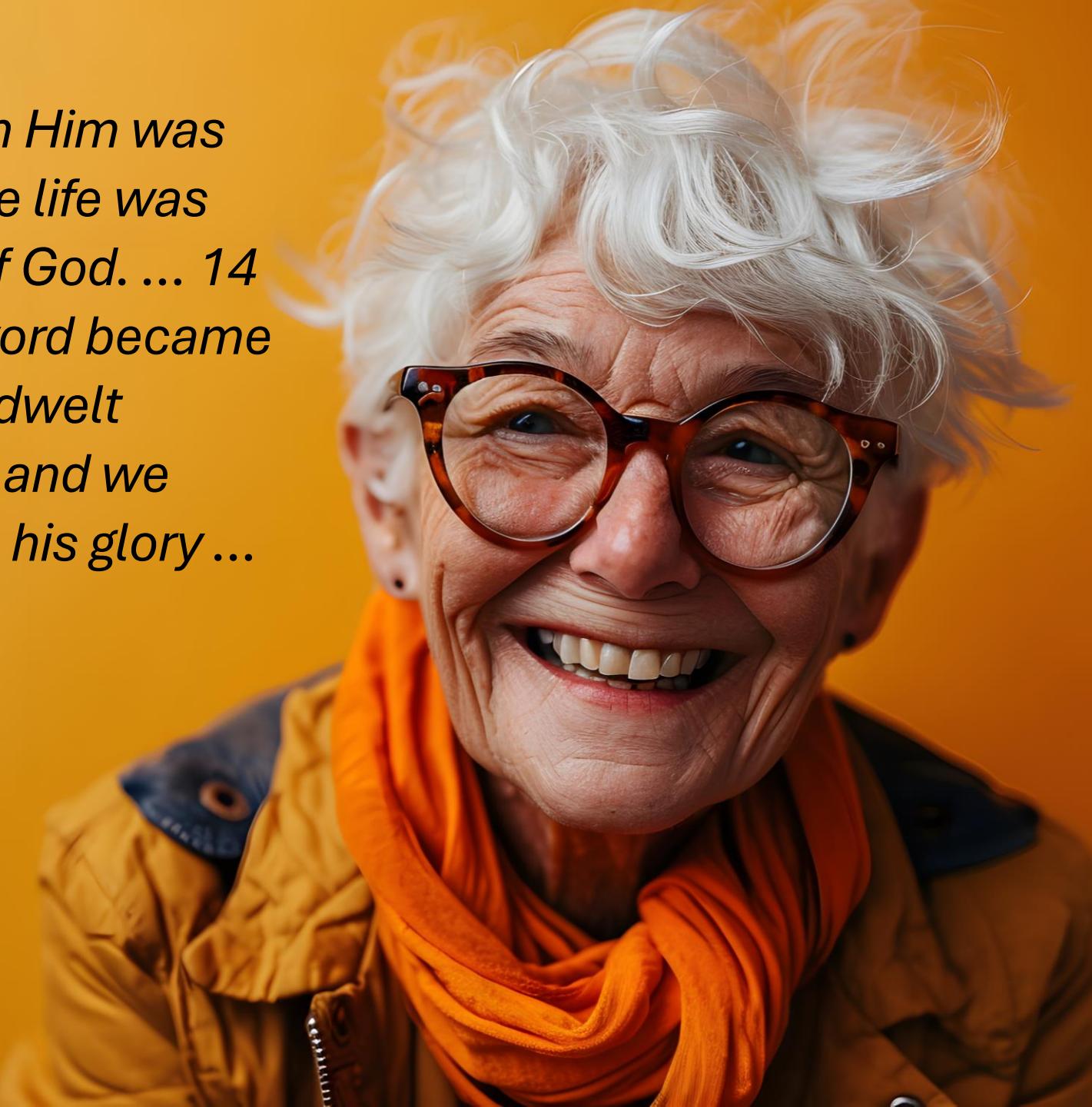
- *Exod. 33:18-19 Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!"<sup>19</sup> And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, ...“*
- *Isa. 6:3 And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."*
- *Lk. 2:13-14 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men...*
  - *Angelic chorus immediately after announcing the birth of a Savior for all the people.*

*There is a direct connection between the glory of God and human well-being. When God receives his glory, we experience His goodness. The two are intrinsically connected.*

– Adapted from Randy Alcorn – If God is Good; and CS Lewis]

- Jn. 4:23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.
- Heb. 13:15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

*John 1:4 In Him was life and the life was the light of God. ... 14 And the word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory ...*



3. Jesus is “crowned with glory” bc He “tasted” death for us. He purchased grace for us bc He is good and wants to be in relation with us. Grace is like God’s Christmas gift to you – believe it to open it.

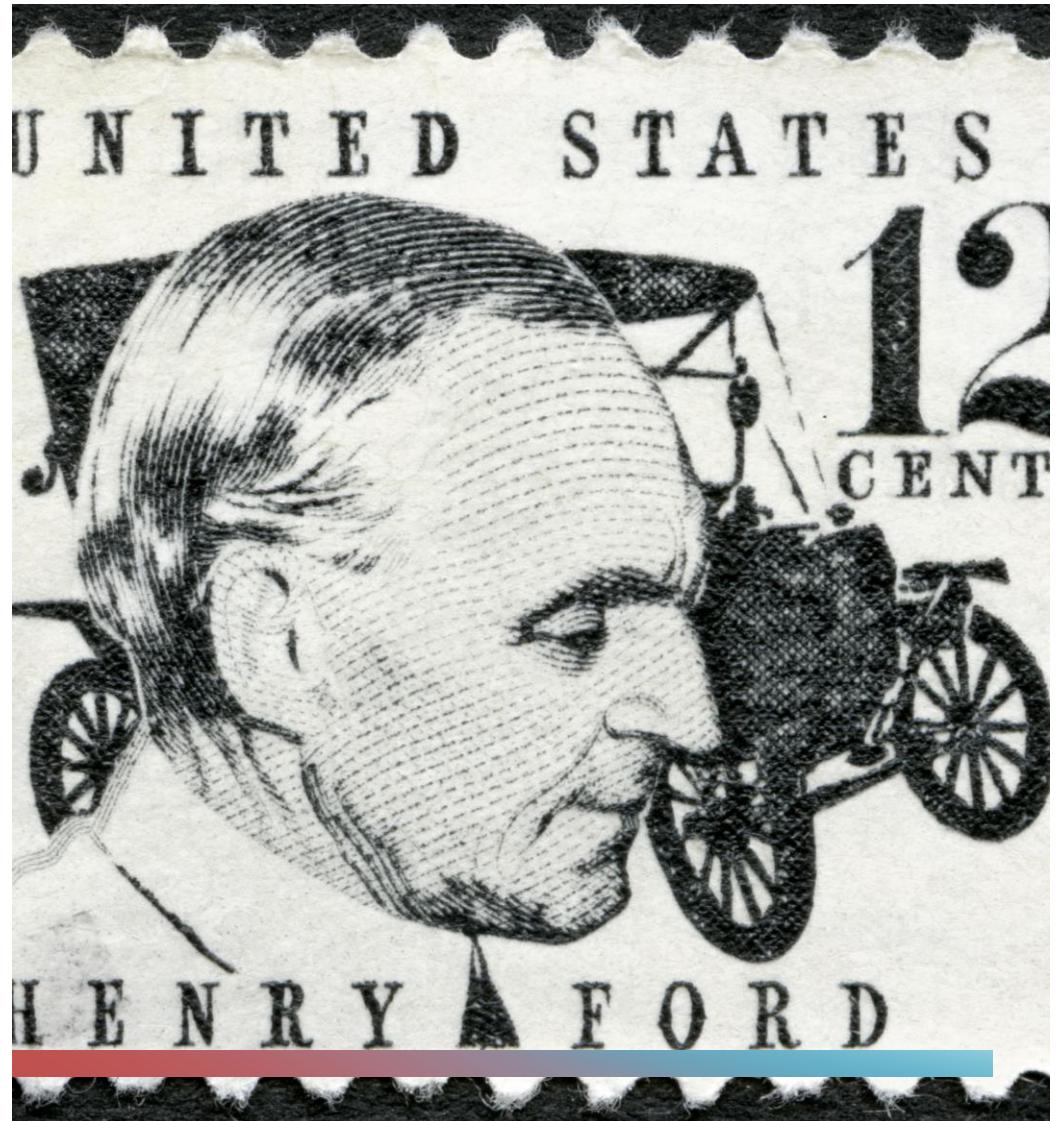
*Heb. 2:9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. (ESV)*

4. *If God is not relational, why did Jesus go to the cross and suffer for us? No purpose would have been served, otherwise. Why is it fitting that God made Jesus, the “founder of [our] salvation,” and declared him, “perfect through suffering”?*

*Heb. 2:10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. (ESV)*

- “Many “sons” (people) to glory “– to share in the goodness, presence of a holy God.

- *It is only fitting that the first company to mass produce the automobile, Ford Motor Company, be named after its founder – Henry Ford, 1903.*





*It is only fitting that Colonel Harland Sanders' picture be displayed on the restaurant he made famous by his 11-ingredient, fried chicken recipe originating in Kentucky.*



- *It is only fitting that when Nike entered a partnership with Michael Jordan in 1984, that the first Air Jordan released on April 1, 1985, bore the name “Air.” ‘Air’ reflects Nike’s air cushioning technology not Michael’s athleticism.*

*It is only fitting that Jesus, the “founder of salvation,” be made perfect through suffering bc only Jesus can save us from our sin. Death is what we deserve for our sin. But Jesus died in our place.*

*Hence, He is the founder of our salvation.*



*Who made this mess? Who should clean it up? But they can't! Who will step in to do what they are responsible for? 2 Cor 5:17-20*



## *Call to action:*

1. *Will you make an intentional decision to seek the face of Jesus for the next 7 days? Will you look for ways He can be involved in your “stuff”? Will you be intentional about prayer and His involvement in your stuff?*
2. *Ask God to give you the name of someone you can pray for this Christmas. Make a commitment with God to lift their name, daily, to the Father for the remainder of 2025. If God leads you to do so, drop them a note of the gift of prayer you are giving them.*
3. *This Christmas when you gather with family, friends, take a time to thank God, praise God, for what He has done in your life these past 12 months.*