

Hebrews 1:1–4

Example Outlines of Heb 1:1–4

From Kathy Hammond:

- I. God spoke formerly through the prophets. (1:1)
- II. God has spoken fully and finally by his Son. (1:2–4)
 - a. The Son is preeminent in his person, power, and work: heir of God's kingdom, agent of creation, reveals God's glory, sustains creation, made purification for sins, sat down at God's right hand. (1:2–3)
 - b. The Son is preeminent in his worth: superior to angels, more excellent name. (1:4)

From Mary Hannah:

1:1–2a	Long ago, God's speech by prophets, but in these last days God speech in Son
1:2b	<i>Son's status and work:</i> heir of all things and creator
1:3–4	<i>Son's person, work, and status:</i> exact imprint of God; sustaining by word; having made purification for sins, seated at God's right hand in heaven

Example Unifying-Theme Sentences for Heb 1:1–4

From Kathy: God has revealed himself through speaking preeminently by his enthroned Son who secures God's blessings of revelation, creation, and salvation.

From Mary: Relative to God's messengers in the past, Jesus—*God's Son*—possesses unrivaled authority as God's culminating revelation in these last days, exerts unrivaled power as Heir and Creator, and receives unrivaled honor as heaven's enthroned high priest.

Example Author's-Aim Sentences for Heb 1:1–4

From Kathy: The author aims to exalt God who reveals himself to his people preeminently by his Son, thus exhorting believers to ground their trust and allegiance in the surpassingly worthy Son of God, Jesus Christ.

From Mary: The pastor aims to introduce Jesus's supreme (unrivaled) authority, power, redemptive achievement, and consequent honor as God's heaven-installed Son so that the pastor's hearers/readers will begin to see that because Jesus is better than any created being, mediator, or institution, they must hold fast their confidence in him as Christ the Lord.

- Jesus, the Son, has **unrivaled authority** *as God's culminating, decisive revelation "in these last days."*
- Jesus, the Son, exerts **unrivaled power** *as Heir and Creator.*
- Jesus, the Son, receives **unrivaled honor** *as heaven's enthroned high priest.*

So, **pay much closer attention** to what we have heard, **lest we drift away** from it.

SONSHIP in Hebrews: often focused more on vocation/function than mere origin/essence

What are some biblical foundations of **such a notion of sonship**?

- 2 Samuel 7 | *Foundational promises to David relating to his sons/kingdom*
- Psalms 2, 110 | *Prophecies relating to future son of David (the Messiah) and his global reign*

2 Samuel 7 ¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” ³And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’ ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷ In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’” ⁸ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘**Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.**’ ⁹ And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’” ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, “Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? ¹⁹ And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant’s house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! ²⁰ And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! ²¹ Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. ²² Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²³ And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? ²⁴ And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God. ²⁵ And now, O LORD God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. ²⁶ And your name will be magnified forever, saying, ‘The LORD of hosts is God over Israel,’ and the house of your servant David will be established before you. ²⁷ For you, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’ Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸ And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. ²⁹ Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.”