

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

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**Title:** ANATOMY OF PROLOGUE

**Main Text:** Heb 1:1-4

**Sermon Description:** Where should we begin when addressing a church dangerously drifting from the anchor of its faith? The author of Hebrews answers this question with his prologue, a densely saturated juggernaut of spiritual, epistemological, and didactic priority. This prescription for apostate tendencies begins, expounds, and concludes with the supremacy of Christ. The church then, as today, was tempted to embrace a humanistic fallback position. May we heed the warning for the church immemorial. We will demonstrate we retain ears to hear as we consider Christ as the Last Word... final, complete, decisive, uncontested, irrefutable, omnipotent, incorruptible, creative, sustaining, and conclusive. (Other prologues to compare: Gen 1, John 1, Eph 1, and Col 1)

**HEADING: 5 ELEMENTS OF BIBLICAL PROLOGUE:**

**1. PROCLAMATION – The Godhead and the incarnate/eternal son**

- a. Presuppositions Heb 11:6
  - b. The Triune Godhead
  - c. The 'Theanthropic' Lord
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**2. REVELATION – Christ the prophetic crescendo**

- a. Past prophets (Heb 11)
  - b. Fulfilled and transcended in Christ (Mt 17:2)
  - c. Last days
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**3. CREATION – Christ the creator and cosmic constant**

- a. Gen 1 reiterated
  - b. Heresy masquerading as science
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**4. SALVATION – Christ and the multi-office of redemption**

- a. Prophet
  - b. Priest
  - c. King
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**5. CONSUMMATION – Christ and inherent spiritual superiority**

- a. Sat down
  - b. Occasion and angels
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**Close:** Heb 12:28-29 Reminds us of the continuing call to heed the message of the kingdom parables of Mat 13! Let us consider the value of these 5 preliminary aspects of spiritual understanding!

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

| <b>Monday</b>        | <b>Tuesday</b>                | <b>Wednesday</b>      | <b>Thursday</b>        | <b>Friday</b>          | <b>Saturday</b>         |
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| Theme:<br>prologue   | Theme:<br>Proclamation        | Theme:<br>Revelation  | Theme:<br>Creation     | Theme:<br>Consummation | Theme:<br>Kingdom       |
| Verses:<br>Jn 1:1-18 | Verses:<br>Gen 1:1, Heb 1:1-4 | Verses:<br>Mat 17:2-8 | Verses:<br>Col 1:15-20 | Verses:<br>Heb 1:10-13 | Verses:<br>Heb 12:28-29 |