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GREATER THAN ANGELS

Hebrews 1:3-14

V. 5 - For to what angel did God ever say,

'Thou art my son,

Today have I become your father?

Or again

I will be a Father to Him

And he shall be a son to me?

V. 6 - And further, when introducing the first born into the world, *incarnation*
he says,

Let all God's angels worship him.

V. 7 - While He says of angels

"Who makes His angels winds

His servants into flames of fire.

V. 8 - He says of the Son,

"God is Thy throne for ever and ever,

Thy royal sceptre is the sceptre of equity

V. 9 - Thou hast divine justice and hated lawlessness.

Therefore thy God has consecrated Thee with the oil of rejoicing
beyond thy comrades.

V. 10 - And

Thou Christ found the earth at the beginning,

And the Heavens are the works of thy hands.

V. 11 - They will perish, but Thou remainst.

Thus will all be worn out like a garment.

V. 12 - Thou wilt roll thou up like a mantle and they will be changed. But

Thou art the same. Thy years will never fail.

V. 13 - To what angel did He say,

Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies a footstool for your feet?

V. 14 - Are not all angels merely spirits in the divine service, commissioned for the benefit of those who are to inherit salvation.

Notice these statements are given as statements made by God.

V. (3) Proof of Christ's Superiority.

1. Christ the Revealer - "Who being the effulgence (fully presents the Glory which is something else - light makes us know what the sun is) of His Glory, and the very image of his substance".

Christ as heir - points onward to the end of history. Brightness of God
- Expect representation of His very being. Diety.

2. Christ the Sustainer upholding all things by the word of his power. He who was before history, at the beginning of history, is now seen to have a relation to the world all through history as its sustainer - upholder.

3. Christ the Redeemer when he made purification of sins.
This is a needed thought, for the soul requires something more than former declarations concerning Christ. Not only revealer of God -- but the redeemer of man. Able to bring purification of sins - cleansing is the main idea.

4. Christ is the ruler sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high. Having done his work 8:1; 13:20 - High Priest did not sit down in Holy of Holies. Christ completed - sat down.

V.4 5. Christ better than angels. There are seven passages that witness and point to this.
Psa 2:7; 2 Sam. 7:14 (His sonship); Psa.97:7 (His coming); Psa.104:4; Psa. 45:6-7 (His exaltation and rule); Psa.102:25-27 (His millennial reign); Psa.110:1 (Culmination of all things).

Atheism and superstition are weapons in the hands of Satan. Have been used against Christianity.

V.3 Another system of error that would secretly undermine the very foundations is to rank Christ among the simple creatures of this world.

When we ascribe to Jesus Divine Nature, we mean he is of the same essence and existence with deity.

"Brightness of His Father's Glory". Raging forth - the only place that is used in the New Testament.

This brightness was not in another - Prophets - Angels. Hear Christ say, John 8:12 "I am the light of the world."

This is the intent of the word brightness pointing out how and in what sense he was the light of light.

By this he has enlightened our souls.

By this he has indicated nearness to the Father.

By this the Christian puts his light on a candlestick.

"Express Image" or the form of God.

Child bearing a perfect resemblance to its parents.

Engraving or stamping instrument - stamps, coins (penny at Phil.), metal, wood or wax.

Image expressed or stamped, Exact.

John 14:9 - "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father".

Col. 1:15 - "Christ is called "The image of the invisible God".

2 Cor. 4:6.

Conclusive proof of the deity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Just
I. - V. (3) - Ascribes To Christ the (Sublimest Works of God)

Is Creation a work of divinity?

Who but God could build this universe - Christ helped.

Is perservation a work of divinity?

Who but God could (hold this world together) - Neh. said, "Thou preservest them all."

our sins in his own blood - unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever amen."

These facts are remarkable -- "The brightness of His Father's Glory" and express image.

I find no difficulty as to plain teaching of the Scriptures. A company of 50 most learned Englishmen in the reign of James I, made individual translations and then comparing and correcting by private conferences and public examinations before fixing upon a single passage did not commit glaring errors.

Providence of God has preserved us the original Scriptures and the English version. They prove Jesus was sublime in works, perfections, names, honors.

Fifth v. 3 - Ascribes to Christ the (Sublimest Redemption)

"By himself purged our sins".

The office of mediator.

Nailed to the bloody cross he suffered as a man, he opened the gates of Paradise to the dying thief like a God. He is sealed in a tomb, then stirring with life - bursting open the bars of hell, triumphant in resurrection ascending in radiant majesty. Having purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high.

He was not a mere man interested in our salvation, but the eternal God.

It is not an arm of flesh we have put our trust in. Our hope is secure in the rock of ages.

Is resurrection a work of divinity?

Who can break the doors of the graves, wake the dead - raise the son of the widow of Nain, or restore Lazarus to his weeping sisters.

Is the final Judgment the work of divinity?

Who but God can judge.

There is no other way to explain these facts, than by admitting Jesus Christ is one with the Father!

Second
II. V. 3 - Ascribes To Christ The (Sublimest Perfections of God.)

Living on - The first - the last - the eternal.

Omnipresence - Lo, I am with you alway - where 2 or 3 are gathered.

Omniscience - Peter said "Thou Lord knowest all things - searches hearts of men.

Omnipotence - The Almighty - Able subdue all things unto himself.

Immutability - Same yesterday, today, forever.

Third
III. V. 3 - Ascribes to Christ the (Sublimest Names of God)

Bible - The word was God - Thomas, Lord and His God.

Fourth
IV. V. 3 - Ascribes to Christ the (Sublimest Honors of God)

Worthy of our worship) - John, unto him that loved us, and washed us from

None shall be able to pluck us out of his

How encouraging the doctrine of Christ's

If there be deliverance from sin anywhere unregenerated man and sinner should come to Jesus on Jesus. Commit yourself entirely into his hands. Heaven shall be your home and eternity a place

EX from ~~Drugs~~ - Child - Parents

- V.3 - Ascension
- 1. Sublimest Works of God - Creation -
- 2. " " Perfection... " - unchangeable
- 3. " " Name
- 4. " " Honour - worship.
- 5. " " Redemption - Purged us

Nail - Bloody Cross - Walked
vic. Doh = Rosa - Ship - sword
Right hand -

V. 4 Beyond - Better than Angels.

Spain inscribed on her coins the picture of the pillars of Hercules, which stood on either side of the Straits of Gibraltar, the extreme boundry of her empire, with only an unexplored ocean beyond; and on the scroll over the pillars was written ne plus ultra, [nothing beyond.]

But afterward, when Columbus discovered America, Spain struck out the negative and left the inscription plus ultra, [more beyond.]

Every comparison - Jesus is beyond. Angels - another argument for the Saviour's Deity.

Much better -

1. More excellent name son. Psa. 2:7 "Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee". Begotten to God without any agency - by virgin Mary in Bethlehem.

V. 5 - Sonship points to superior excellence to angels.

~~V. 2.~~ Superior to angels in honor - Psa. 97, Deut. 32:43 "Let all angels worship him."

V. 6 - Virgin Birth

V. (8) 3. Higher office than angels - Psa. 45.

Thy throne is forever - Christ combined in himself 3 offices - Prophet - Priest - King.

Nathan - Prophet, Priest

David - Prophet - King

Christ - Prophet - Priest - King - held them all.

V. (12) 4. Superior in perfection.

Everything decays - material - rocks - land.

Christ same yesterday, today, forever.

V. (14) 5. Superior (in exaltation) - all ministering spirits.

Psa. 68:17 - The chariots of God are 20,000 - even thousands of angels.

Heb. 12:22 - But ye are come unto mount zion and unto the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

Joh 38:7 - Existed before the word created.

Angels are actual living beings who ate with Abraham - Gen. 18:8.

Took Lot by the hand - led out of Sodom. Gen. 19:16.

Advised Joshua about the battle of Jericho. Josh. 5:14-15.

Led Peter out of prison. Acts 12:7.

They were excellent creatures - appear youthful and commanding. Accompanied with light and splendor.

The manna with which God fed Israelites was called angels food. Psa. 78:25.
(cake).

Called Spirits - V. 7 - It does not mean they have no bodies - man has both spirit and body.

✓ They are powerful creatures.

Jacob was cripple by touch of angel. Gen. 32:25.

Gideon's offering consumed by one stroke of angels staff. Judges 6:21.

Zacharias struck dumb by authority of angels word. Luke 1:20.

Shepherds were overawed by their glory. Luke 2:9-15.

✓ They are given (graded authority.) (Hints of this)

Classes of angels mentioned - seraphim, cherubim, thrones, dominions, mights, powers, principalities, archangel, and angel.

Four are named -

Gabriel - Dan. 10:13-14 - Described as terrible and had a countenance like lightning as he stood by the river and opposed the evil angel 21 days before sending Michael for help.

Luke 1:19 - He was bearer of good news to Zacharias about birth of John Bapt.

Michael is first chief or archangel. Dan. 10:13-14. He is chief of the angels.

The second coming of Christ will be announced "with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God. I Thess. 4:16.

Angel of the Lord - The messenger - Ex 3:2, Mal. 3:1.

Delivered law from God to Moses - Acts 7:53, Gal. 3:19

Angelic Host - Isa. 6, I Kings 22:19.

Rom. 8:38-39 - Not even angels can separate us from love of Christ.

✓ Summary of Ministry - V. (14)

1. Angels minister to us (times of perplexity)

Hagar - Fled to wilderness - ready to give up! Angel appears for her direction.

Herod - Plotted destruction of infant Jesus. Angel of Lord appeared for Joseph and Mary's direction.

Peter - Received call from Cornelius who directed by an angel.

2. Angels minister to our deliverance in (times of danger)

"Angels of Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them".

Promise - "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

Paul - In storm - Prisoner - angel stood by him.

Lot - Destruction of Sodom.

Elisha - Delivered from Syrian army at Dothan.

Daniel - Spared lions.

Peter - Del. Dungeon.

3. Angels minister to our comfort in times of distress.

Console in affliction and sorrow.

Christ - tempted of devil in wilderness - they came and ministered to him. Strengthening him.

4. Angels minister to our release from the body and our admittance into Heaven.

Rich man and Lazarus - Begger died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom.

"Bright angels are from glory come!

They're round my bed, and in my room!

They wait to waft my spirit home!

All is well. All is well!

The ransomed soul drops its clay tent and is borne amid the rustling of serphic wings to its final resting place!

'Tis sweet to rest in lively hope,

That when my change shall come,

Angels will hover round my bed,

And waft my spirit home!"

Our salvation is entirely complete. Angels of the Lord are around us to help us on our way!

Your heart must be cold if it has no warme

(GOOD HOUSEKEEPING) - Eric - Age 22 - (Leukemia) (4 1/2)
Mother tells - few days before death.
Talked about all good things in life - won
brothers. Love to run on the beach. Talked abo
enjoyed so much.

Grew tired - he whispered ("Leave early walk
sky - walk in the world for me.")

Jesus told us - walk in this world for him
the end.

Angels of Lord around us to help us on our
Angels guard my path waiting to waft me to my fi
overflow me.

Angels look with interest upon the sinner and tune their harps to songs
of joy when one returns in repentance to God.

How can you feel no anxiety over sin?

How can you remain unmoved over sin?

Think of the deep anxieties which even angels feel for your salvation?

Can you rest while angels work for the good of your soul?

Great Hope →

Something look forward to -

Peter Marshall - I love
This place, This Church in Washington,
I'm grateful I can serve here -

That night - Heart Attack -
Wife wanted go with him -
No stay home with Peter John
And "I'll see you in the morning"

Before Sun Rise - Angels help his soul
to Heaven! -
Went Home -
We have hope in Jesus Christ -
He is Better than all -