

Title: ~~The Greatest Name on Earth~~ *The Supremacy of Jesus*
 Jesus is ~~Greater~~ *most Kosher* than Angels *in The New Test.*

Text; Hebrews 1:1-~~3~~

Will you take your Bibles, please, and turn to the book of ~~Hebrews~~. There are notes in your bulletin and we encourage you to follow along with us as we study this tremendous book which deals with the PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST. We are in chapter 1 and; we have ~~already~~ already examined how God has revealed himself to us in times past and then how God reveals himself to us today. In this day and age God has spoken to us in his son. Jesus is God's revelation of himself to us. Then he describes this revelation in Vs 2 through 4.

(Read 1:1-4)

Prayer

As we begin our study of Hebrews, let me give you a quick outline. Beginning with chapter 1 and going through to chapter 8 verse 2, we are looking at the authority of Jesus over all.....We will see his authority over angels. We will see his authority over Moses and the the house of Israel. We will see his authority over the High Priest.

Then beginning at Chapter 8:3 and going through chapter 10:18 we will look at the Person of Christ in His atonement for all. In those chapters we have presented to us the great teaching on the Old covenant verses the new covenant. It is tremendous.

Then finally in chapter 10:19 to the end of the book, we will look at the application of all of this and what it means to us today.

(18) So, we begin by looking first of all, at the authority of Jesus over angels. In Vs 4 it says that "Jesus is better than:....13 times in this letter, you will read the phrases that "He is better than." And the first thing that Paul discusses is that Jesus is better than the angels.

You say, "Big deal, I know that." Yet, here we have an important doctrinal understanding that everyone of us needs in the light of false teaching that is everywhere. And that is, that Jesus is some sort of exalted angel. That Jesus himself is an angel. The text says "That he is better than the angels.

Look at Notes

(2e) In looking at the Authority of Christ over the Angels, Paul, ^{second} first of all, discusses the motives of the Father. This is found in Vs 2-14.

(1D) And the first motive deals with the Position of Christ The position of Christ. In Vses 2 and 3 Paul makes ~~(1D)~~ six fantastic statements about Jesus Christ. ^{Vs 1 tells us} Remember from last week that Jesus is God's final revelation to us. Jesus is the final, complete revelation of God to ^{man} ~~man~~. And Paul uses six tremendous statements to show that Jesus is not an angel, but in truth he is God. *Now, what are they?*

(1e) Number one, Vs 2, Paul talks about the wealth of his possessions. Vs 2 says, "Whom He appointed heir of all things." The wealth of his possessions. God placed and appointed Christ as the heir of all things. In Psalms chapter 2 and verse 7, the Father says to the Son: "ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as your possessions."

And how thrilled ~~it~~ was when I turned to Romans chapter 8 and read: "I am a joint-heir with Jesus Christ." Do you know that Jesus owns your house? That is right...He owns the house that you live in and everything in it...

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He owns your lot, your car, He owns everything. God appointed ~~Him~~ heir of all things...We are merely stewards. ~~Do you know that Jesus?....~~ He owns it all. Everything. [He owns the cattle on a thousand hills the wealth in every mine. He owns the rivers, the rocks and the hills, the sun and the stars that shine. Wonderful riches more than tongue can tell. He is my father and they are mine as well.....Praise the Lord.....

We are joint-heirs with Christ if we know Him as saviour..

Secondly, he says in Verse 2, "by whom also he made the worlds."

We are talking about Jesus, here. "By whom also he made the worlds."

The word "worlds" is simple the word for "ages." And here he is talking about the wonder of ^{God's} providence. What is providence?

Providence deals with how God is continuing to control all things as they unfold. For example: Romans 8:28 says "that all things work together for good to those who love God."

Well, there are two ways that we can see God's providence in ^{verse 2} ~~that~~ verse.

One, is in the fact that he created all things. He made the ages. He created them. John 1:3 says that all things were created by Him, and without him was not anything made that was made."

Colossians 1:16 says "by Him was all things created." Who? By Jesus. Are you ^{sure} ~~show~~ you know who you have received as Saviour and Lord? He is the creator.

But there is a second way in which this providence is seen and that is in the controlling of time, and the sequence of events. Because the texts says "he made" or "created" all ages....And he is talking, here, about "time", as it unfolds. Isn't that great to know that Jesus didn't go to sleep?.....

When he ascended into heaven he didn't stop working. That from the ~~at~~ beginning of time to the end of time, the one who is controlling the sequences of events and all the ages of time is Jesus....Right now, he is controlling the time.....Totally.....You can be thankful for that because I am not sure I am going to stop on time.....

He is controlling everything. And you know, it excites me to have a saviour like that...It really does.....I know that today, no matter what is happening, ^{*} my saviour is controlling the sequence of events in my life. He is not setting passitively by....He is the God who made me; and He is the God who is controlling all my time. He knows my days. He has number the hairs on my head. He knows my future. He knows everything.....

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What a statement about ~~Jesus~~ *about The person of Christ*

Number three, the worthiness of His person is discribed in the next phrase. We read in Vs 3 "He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature."

~~These are heavy statements.~~ What is the meaning?.....We are talking about the worthiness of His person. Two things here.....

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One, is "the radiance of His glory." The glory of the Father belongs to Jesus. The word "radiance" means "brightness"...This is the only time it is used in the whole Bible. What does it mean?

It means "to flash forth"....It was used of the rays of the sun. Now, the rays of the sun, ~~but the sun, the sun, the sun~~ are not something separate from the sun....It is the sun. And what a fantastic word used to refer to the relationship of Jesus to the Father. Jesus is not somethin separate from the Father. He is the radiance, the brightness of the Father, himself.....What a statement.

As the rays of the sun are the sun, itself. So, Christ is the Father himself being expressed in ~~my~~ human form. Jesus said "the Father is in me, and I am in the Father. And I an the Father are one....

What a statement.....That is Jesus we are talking about. Jesus who is ^{God's} final love message to the world. Jesus Christ. He is the brightness of God's glory.

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secondly, He is "the exact representation of ^{God's} nature."

What does that mean? If you were living in the time of Paul when he wrote this, you would take an engraving tool and you would stamp it into

clay. And as you pulled it out, the image that was left in the clay is the word translated "the exact representation of His nature."

The word "nature" means "that which stands under." It deals with basic nature. What is the nature of all mighty God?.....Who is He?

The Bible says, "the exact representation of what God is in His very nature is Jesus....." That is what it says.....

I didn't make that up. That is what the Bible says.....Do you know who Jesus is?.....If you know Him, and you love Him, and you have believed in Him, do you think we ever have a right to question His will for our lives, or to not bend down the knee to him and say ~~my Lord~~ "my Lord and My God"?.....Do we have the right to our own lives to run them the way we want to, when Jesus is the exact representation of Almighty God?.....

You see, Jesus is not simply a man who lived 1900 years ago, and walked the hills of Galilee. No, this one is God.... in human flesh.....

Have you come to believe in him? Do you really know who He is?.....

Fourth, notice the word of His power. How powerful is he?....It says in Vs 3, "he upholds all things by the word of His power".

The word "uphold" is simply the word for "bear".....You know, I found a beautiful illustration of this in the O.T. that blessed me.... In Numbers 11:14 Moses said that he was not able to bear the burdens of his people.

He was dealing with being responsible for governing and guidance. And I read here in Hebrews that Christ ^{is} ~~was~~ bearing all things by the word of his power. He is governing them all. And he is guiding them all.

But many believe that the word "upholding" here is the ~~idea~~ idea of "sustaining the entire universe". Because Colossians 1:16 says "by Him all things consist." Meaning...."they hold together".....

Now watch this.....And please don't think I lost my mind for this illustration.....Do you know that what I am going to do now is sustained, governed by, and controled by Jesus Christ....(drop a book).....~~The only~~

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The only way that book can drop is because of a physical law effecting gravity....And the Bible says that this entire universe is being held together by the power of Jesus's own words.

I tell you, that is the kind of thing that cause one to go out under a tree and mediate upon.....

You just don't get it in one moment.....This entire ^{Universe} system is being controlled and sustained by Jesus Christ. That is what Hebrews 1:3 is telling us.....Isn't that fantastic. "by the word of His power."

omit Now, that shouldn't be any surprise to you because he spoke the worlds into existence in the first place.....He said, "let there be light." And there was light. Not that there were 36 steps that had to happend resulting in light. No....He said "let there be light" And there was light.....

God's word.....Do you get the point.....This is God's Word..... Jesus is God's Word.....He is sustaining all things by the Word of His power....

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~~Number five, notice the work of his purification or ~~purged~~~~
According to Vs 3, "when he made ~~the~~ purification or ~~purged~~ us of sin."
What a text.....The work of His purification.

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Notice, the difinite aricticle "THE" is not in front of the word "sins."...Notice that. It is important...Because it should be there.... In the Greek it reads "When He made purification of "The" sins."

What does that mean? It refer to specific, individual sins...

Did you know that there is not a sin that has every existed in the history of the world, or ever will exist, that Jesus didn't ~~purify~~ purify? The word "purification" is in a tense meaning "it happened at a point in time."

OK When did it happen? At the cross. When Jesus died on the cross every sin that you have committed or every will commit, was in that one moment purified. The Bible says that as far as the East is from the West so far has he removed our sin....That is the idea of ~~purify~~ ^{purification} or purge. He will remember our sin against us no more.....Praise God.. *And what God has forgotten, we too should forget*

Listen, when he died on the cross he finished it completely. He cleansed every individual sin that has ever existed or ever could exist. How thankful I am for that.... *I Am Thankful For That.*

Now You know, that happened objectively at the cross. But it doesn't happen subjectively for you and for me until we put our faith in it. You see, no matter what I do about it, sin was already cleansed. A lot of people think that if I accept Jesus then the cleansing happens to me.... Listen, it is applied only in the sense of your acceptance. But it happened at the time of the cross. It is already done.

People say, "I will make Jesus Savior of my life." No, you're not.... He is already the Saviour. *☆* It is just a matter of whether or not you are going to bow the knee to him and recognize what he already is.... He already has finished the work.... That is why it is foolish for anyone to turn their backs on Jesus and reject him. He loves you and he paid for your sins.

S. PFLY There is not one thing you need to do to save yourself or to pay for your own sins. Not one thing. But, accept God's glorious message that in these last days He has spoken to us in a son. Jesus is ^{God} ~~His~~ message to us.

(6) Then finally, the way of His pre-eminence. Vs 3 says, "he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." What does that mean? It means several things.

(2) First, it means accomplishment. "He sat down....." Not one Priest in the O.T. Temple system ever sat down. There were not chairs in the temple. Because it was the idea of a continuous offering of sacrifices ^{for sin} and no completed work. The Bible says that after He had ^{Purified} ~~purified~~ our sins He sat down..... It was finished. It was done.

(2) There is something else, here, and that is the matter of acceptance.

It says he sat down on right hand of the majesty on high. God accepted His work, as sufficient. If you believe that Christ died for your sins, you believe two things. One, he substituted himself for you because you deserved to die. And two, you believe that ^{Jesus} satisfied all the righteous demands of a Holy God against you because the soul that sins it shall die.

And if you really believe in Jesus, you believe that He satisfied every righteous demand of the law. Because He had no sin in himself. He sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high.

(3G) There is something else in that phrase and that is the matter of authority. He sat down at the the right hand. The right hand was and is a symbol of authority. We speak of that today. "He is my right hand man." It is an expression of authority in your own life. And Jesus sat down with all the authority of God the Father.

(4G) Finally, it refers to Christ's work of intercession for us.

"Jesus sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high." And the Bible says He is there because He is making intercession for you and for me. He is our advocate says I John chapter 2 verse 1. WHY? Because Jesus is the "propitiation" or "Mercy seat" for our sins.

PRAISE GOD, HE IS MAKING INTERCESSION FOR YOU AND FOR ME.

The supremacy of Jesus...God's love message to us today.

Do you really know this Jesus? You can! Just believe in him and receive him as Your Lord and Saviour.....

PRAYER