

Title: Jesus is Greater Than the Angels

Text: Hebrews 1:5-6

Will you open your Bibles, please, to the Book of Hebrews. Hebrews chapter 1 and beginning with Vs 5....

(Read 1:5-6)

PRAYER

The book of Hebrews is dealing with the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

(1A) And this is seen, first of all, in his authority over the Angels. That Jesus is simply not just an exalted angels as some folks claim. But, he is greater than the Angels.

(1B) We have studied, so far, ^{on to} the authority of Jesus over Angels by looking at the motives of the Father. (1D) And the first motive, which we have spend an allfull lot of time on, is the Position of Christ. But, these first few verses are so important to our understanding the rest of the book...

Now, we have looked at two things concerning the Position of Christ.

(1E) One, Six fantastice statements as to the person of Christ. *Jesus/Josh is God*

(2E) TWO, His name....Jesus has a more excellent name than the Angels.....

(3E) Today, I want to come to the third thing that I would like to mention about the Position of Christ. And that is his poistion as SON... This really blessed my heart. And I pray that it will bless yours also. *Withd Explain The Posi Tion of Christ as Son*

(3E) In Verses 5 ~~that~~ we have ~~a series of 7~~ ^{Two} quotations from the O.T. *Withd Explain The Posi Tion of Christ as Son*

(4E) The first quotation is dealing with the ~~status~~ ^{Position} of Jesus as Son.

Vs 5 says: "For to which of the Angels did He ever say, Thou art my son. Today I have begotten thee". That is quote number one. It comes from Pslams chapter 2:7....And I would like you to turn there please. The book of Psalms chapter 2:7....This second Psalm is a prophetic Psalm. It is dealing with the coming of ~~Jesus~~ ^{Messiah}. And God the Father is talking.

Vs 6 says: "But as for me, I have installed my King upon Zion." ~~the~~

The king is the Messiah. God the Father sets the King on the Holy Hill of Zion.

Vs 7:..."I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, 'Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee.'"

People often ask: "If Jesus has always been, if He is eternal, how come He was begotten?"....Well, stay with me, I will answer that question.....

~~(Psalm 89)~~

Vs 8 : Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as thine ~~inheritance~~ inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware."

People say that that is referring ^{only} to King David. OH, NO...it isn't. David never had that. But the book of Revelations says that one day when Christ comes again in power and great glory, and it quotes this passage, He is going to break the nations with a rod of iron.....

~~And it quotes this passage...~~
~~...with a bed of iron.~~

By the way, you want an evangelistic message in the O.T. Vs 11.
"Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the ' Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him."

Many say that this 2 Psalm is referring ^{only} to King David. Oh, no...It is talking about the "messiah. "Who take refuge in Him"...In the ~~M~~essiah.

Now, this passage is quoted in Hebrews one when it is trying to tell us that Jesus is greater than the angels. What is the point?... ~~Be careful~~
Be careful, believer, because ~~some~~ ^{some} people will deceive you and ^{try to} use this text to prove the opposite point. They will use this text to prove that Jesus is an angel...How?...Because they will tell you that the angels are called the "sons of God" in the O.T. And they are right. Because in the O.T. they are called the "sons of God." Like Job when he spoke of creation said: "the morning stars sang together. And the sons of God rejoiced." Speaking of Angelic beings. Thus, the O.T. speaks of angels as being "sons of God," But, not at any one place ^{in O.T.} is an angel called "the son of God"... Please notice what this text says ^{Psalm 2}...."Vs 7: "Thou are My Son"....

You see, I am also a son of God. When I became a believe in Christ I became a son of God. All the believers, here, are the sons of God. Yes,... the angels are called "sons of God." But, I am not "the Son of God." And nether are the angels.

So, what is the text proving? The quote from the O.T. which is in Hebrews 1:5 is proving that God has only one particular son to whom he said: "You are my son. And this day have I begotten you."...

Now, what does that mean? ^{I have Begotten YOU.} Well, I have a passage in the Bible that tells me the meaning of the word "begotten."...It is right in the Bible and ~~the~~ People ought to just read the Bible....It is very clear....

Acts chapter 13 verse 32. If somebody tries to tell you that Jesus was begotten, and therefore, how could he have existed before the worlds began, well, just take them to Acts 13:32 and let them see what the word "begotten" means...Because the same text ~~of~~ of Psalms 2 ^{which} ~~and~~ is quoted in Hebrews 1:5 is also quoted in Acts 13:33.

Notice Verse 32, Paul is talking...(Read Vs 32-35).?.....

AND?THE?ISSUE?IS?CONCERNING?THE?RESURRECTION?OF?THE

O.K., here it is...What does it mean when the Father says, "I have begotten you?"....Answer: the resurrection of Jesus Christ.....

That is what it says. "Raise up Christ"...It doesn't refer to having a child born like we have children born. That is the English way of ~~interpreting~~ interpreting "begotten." That is not what it means at all. ^{is} ~~It~~ ^{is} ~~It~~ is talking about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And in Romans chapter 1 verse 4 Paul says "that God declared with power the Son of God by the reurrection from the dead."

You know how I know that Jesus is better than the angels? Because he arose from the dead. He arose from the dead. This is my son. I ^{have} begotten you. And he showed his power and he showed his true nature when he arose from the dead after being in that grave for three days and ~~three~~ ^{three} nights.

Now, Come back to Hebrews chapter 1...The first quote which emphasizes the position of Christ as Greater than the Angels is from Psalms 2:7.

(2F) The second quote, still under the first point ..Position of Christ... comes at the end of Vs 5: "I will be a Father to Him, and He shall be a Son to me".....That comes from 2 Samuel 7:14.....Would you turn there, please...2 Samuel chapter 7 and verse 14.....

Someone once said that the sweetest music to a preachers ear is the sound of pages being turned in a Bible.....How true.....

2 Samuel 7:14.....The context, here, is dealing with King David. And God's promise to king David. And it is tremendous to see the fulfilment as to ~~the~~ type in Christ being greater than angels.....

For God never said to an angel "I will be to you a father and he shall be to me a son." He never said that.

2 Samuel 7 verse 13: "He shall build a house for my name"....It is talking about David's son, Solomon, David was not allowed to build the temple. Solomon built it..."And I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." Solomon died. Then how in the world was his kingdom established forever? It must refer to someone else.

Vs 14: "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to me".... That is the quote....But here David is talking to Solomon. I will be his Father, and he shall be my son....

But, according to the text it is a kingdom, a throne which shall be forever. It is David's son that he is referring to. And like many prophecies of the O.T. there is ~~is~~ a historical framework, A background for what is predicting the future. The future is that a greater son, will rule the world forever. And that is Jesus Christ. No angel, friends, will ever rule the world. The Bible says that even Christians are going to judge angels. We are going to judge them. I don't really want to judge them. I am thankful for them, They take care of me. But, I believe the ~~ones~~ ^{angels} we are going to judge ^{some day} are going to be the wicked ones. Demons...Fallen angels.

But, No angel will ever rule the world forever.

Now, one angel has been given a limited...quote "rule"..The Devil, himself. Who is a fallen angel. People often ask: Boy, you have Satan and his power and you have Christ and his power. Who are you going to follow?"...I got news for you...Follow Christ because he is God. And ² ~~an~~ ^{fallen} ~~angel~~ ^{is only an} ~~angel~~ ^{Christ is God - God His position is over the angels}

(2D) Back to Hebrews chapter 1, again...The second major way as to the motives of the Father...Vs 6...The second way that we see Christ in his authority over the angels deals with his pre-eminence....A position as a son..Yes... But more than that....^{His Pre-eminence}

Look at Vs 6 carefully, please. Look at it real carefully...

~~There is no such O.T. quote~~

Vs 6: "and when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, 'and let all the angels of God worship Him.'" *Now - Follow This Very Carefull Because There is a truth that people often miss.*

~~Now~~, Look at that first line again. ^{K5} says "And again"....Look back up at verse 5...In the middle of that verse it says .."and again."

Now, some people believe that he is talking about three quotes from the O.T. ~~is in~~ ^{And}....So, the point would be: there are three separate quotes.

Now, How many of you are using the NAS?...Many of you have the NAS.....

Notice it reads a little different...Vs 6 says, "And when He again".... Meaning: "Another time." ^{That is correct translation} ~~The~~ Verse 5 would be talking about his first coming. And Vs 6 would be talking about his second coming.....That it simply doesn't mean "another again" "another quote." But that this quote is talking about his second coming.....

Some of you have missed that. But stay with it. It is a tremendous truth if you will dig it out.....

I believe the NAS is the correct translation of the Greek. For two ~~was~~ reasons...

One, that little word "when" in verse 6 indicates a time element... ^{Secondly} ~~But~~ it is in a mood that deals with the future...So, when you put it together he is talking about another time when he is bringing the same person into the world....

The first time is Vs 4 and 5. He received a more excellent name than they....In fact, if you look carefully at Vs 4 it says "having become much better"....The same thing that is in John 1:14: "The word became flesh and dwelt among us." It refers to the incarnation of Christ. The first time he came into the world. God became man in Christ.

But, in Verse 6 he changes it. And the Greek reads "when he again bringsPRIASE THE LORD...CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN...." ^{That is the point}

He came the first time and proved he was greater than the angels. He is coming the second time, says ^{vs 6} ~~the Bible~~, and all the angels of God will worship him.....He will prove by his pre-eminence, coming in glory, with all the Holy Angels with him.....

To spell all this verse out for you about Christ coming with his angels

I haven't the time put just take down these references...

Matthew 13:41....

Matthew 16:27

Matthew 25:31

2 Thessalonians 1:7

Revelation 19:11-to the end

All of them tells us that Christ is going to come back to this earth with all the Holy Angels. You tell me that he is not greater than the angels. Christ is coming again, the Bible says.

Again, the text says (Vs 6) he "brings the first-born or first begotten into the world"....What does it mean: "first begotten" or "first-born"?

In the Jewish culture the first born usually receive a double portion of the inheritance. But, I remind you that not all "first children" chronological were "first-born" in receiving the inheritance....*Right?*

For example: Ishmael and Issac.....Jacob and Esau.....There are all kinds of examples. Examples of children who received the inheritance. But they were not the first born child.

Out The word "first-born" does not mean "begotten" as some people would say. You know he was the first son that was ever born, and God must have others....No....*Resurrection of Jesus* It is referring to rank and position....In Colossians one, it says that Jesus was "first-born" of the dead....Rank and position in terms of his resurrection.

In Psalms 89:27 it refers it to the Messiah in his greatness and power. He is the first-begotten, the first born. He is going to come back as one who is first in everything. He is going to come back into the world. And the Bible says "let all the angels of God worship Him."

Then Now, I must draw your attention to two other passages. I want you to put this together because it will bless your hearts.

§ Matthew chapter 4....First passage is Matthew chapter 4...This is the temptation of Christ. The devil is tempting him in the wilderness...

Vs 8...."And again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory; and he said to Him, 'all these things will I give you, if you fall down and worship me.'

I remind you that the devil is an angel. He is now asking Jesus to fall down and worship him...

Vs 10.."Then Jesus said to him, begone, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."

One of those people who often knock on your door said to me, "that text proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus is not the Lord God and should not be worshiped. That I was an idolater for worshiping Jesus. That that text proves it. Because ~~He~~ said to Satan 'only worship the Lord your God'."

But wait a minute....He didn't identify himself in that matter at all. All he simply said is that he would not worship Satan....

Well, ^{OK} wait a minute. If you don't worship him, then who is higher?His point is that you should worship only God.....

Now, keep that in mind and turn to Revelation 22 ...Revelation chapter 22 and look at Verse 8 and 9. John, who received this revelation and wrote this book, received it through an angel. And he was so excited about what he heard and saw concerning the second coming of Christ that he did what anyone of us would have done.

(Read Vs 8-9)

That is quite a statement, isn't it?....Worship God....

Now, in Hebrews chapter 1;6 it says "let all the angels of God worship Him." The Devil said "worship me"..Jesus said, "No, you should worship only the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

Hebrews says "worship the son".....And in the Book of Revelation the Angel clearly denies worship. And says, "I don't want it. You are to worship only God."

Therefore, the son as well as the father, both are God....And the message we are getting in Hebrews is: ~~He~~ is Lord....He is God...His sovereign....He is governing the ~~area~~ affairs of this universe...

God desires that Jesus be exalted above every name. If there is any person ^{Or thing} ~~here~~ who is more important ^{in your life} than Jesus ^{then} you are wrong.... You are on the wrong track.

John the Baptist said "he must increase, but I must decrease." And everyone of us needs to get a new view of how exalted, how wonderful, how great is Jesus. He is our Lord. And we have no right to question him.

I wonder how many of us have really said in our hearts: God, I will do anything you ~~want~~ want me to do. You are God. You are Lord. I will never question your will.

Instead, we go on trying to run our own life. Trying to make our own decisions. Giving token appreciation to the sovereignty of almighty God. We act like we love him and we believe in him. Yet, we will not bow down at his feet and say, "lord, what ~~will~~ you have me to do."

If there was ever a motivation for christian commitment, it is that ~~he~~ is greater than all. A more excellent name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue should confess that he is Lord to the glory of God the Father...

And listen, friend, if you have come to believe these things about Christ in your heart, don't put-off any longer to publicly acknowledge that he is Lord of ^Your life. Confess him as lord. Acknowledge him as Lord. And know that one day he ~~is~~ coming again. And he is going to call us up to be with him. Then we are going to see how much he is Lord. We just get a little glimpse now in the Word. But when he comes again, the Bible says that we are even going to take those crowns that he will give us and cast them at his feet.... He only is worthy.... No one else..... Jesus.....

Let's Pray -