

The Supremacy of Jesus 2020-10-11

Hebrews 1:1-4

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Some thought angels superior to Jesus or Jesus a great angel (Jehova Witness)
Colossians 2:18

- Theologically packed verses reveal why Jesus is superior to and more excellent than anyone or anything, including angels. Hebrews 1:1-2, 5a, 8a, 10

Jesus Christ is heir of all things. Revelation 4:9-11

- Father designated Son heir to throne and thus to rule over all creation.

What Jesus was to possess He made. He is Creator and thus Lord of all things.

- World lit ages = “whole created universe of space & time”
- Jesus is Creator not created like angels. 1:6, Colossians 1:15-16, John 1:3
 - 1:6 not 1st in order of birth but “highest rank, above earthly kings.”
 - Colossians not chronological term (1st created) but legal rights of authority and inheritance (Old Testament = principle heir).

Jesus Christ is radiance of Father’s glory and exact imprint of Father’s nature (very essence). Hebrews 1:3a, 8a, John 1:1-2, 14

- When Jesus took on human flesh He manifested Father’s glory to men.
 - Jesus reflects Father’s glory, but also possesses inherent glory of His own because He is God.
 - exact imprint: engraved impression made by die/seal as coin.
 - Not just “like Father” Jesus is eternal God, one with Father yet distinct from Father. John 14:9, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Colossians 2:9

Sustainer of all things. 1:3b, Gruden quote, Colossians 1:17

- He created universe continually sustains it and is sovereign over everything.
 - Can trust Him to sustain you just as He does rest of His creation because He bought you with His blood.

Jesus Christ made purification for our sin then He sat down at right hand of Father.

Hebrews 1:3c, 13, 10:10, Acts 5:31, Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Luke 22:42

- Reason gospel is exclusive is Jesus Christ is unique...sinless.
 - Jesus only One qualified to accomplish cleansing from sins...past tense.
 - Sitting signifies completion of redemptive work,
- Right hand of Father is place of highest honor/authority in universe.
 - Affirms Jesus’ deity and indicates subordination to Father.

- Equal with Father in His essential being yet voluntarily submits to Father to carry out divine purpose.

Jesus Christ is superior to and more excellent than anyone/anything, including angels.

Hebrews 1:4, 6, 14

- Hebrew inspires us to revere Creator, sustainer and heir of all things; who is radiance of Father's glory; exact rep of Father's nature; accomplished cleansing for our sins and now seated at Father's right hand
 - He so excellent, superior it impossible to overestimate Him.
 - Revere/worship and draw near to your Savior & friend!