

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS IS SUPERIOR EVEN TO ANGELS

Hebrews 1:3-4 After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So He became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is superior to theirs.”

When John the Baptist baptized Jesus, a voice from heaven declared, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17) John, in his Gospel writes, “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (John 8:37) “. . . in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son . . . The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being . . . superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.” (Hebrews 1:2-4)

Only one is given the name “Son of God” in all of the Holy Scriptures. Mention is frequently made of sons of God, but reference to The Son of God is to one specific being, namely Jesus. The title “Son of God” differentiates Him from all others. This is because of the work His Father gave Him to do, namely, to redeem the lost, save sinners from hell and earn for sinful humanity everlasting life.

When God’s voice proclaimed from the heavens, “This is my Son whom I love. . .” He told the world through this simple title that Jesus is the one God promised to Adam and Eve after they sinned who would pay for their sins and bring them back into their original sin-free relationship with God. To you God says, “This is my Son whom I love . . .” And he further said at Jesus’ transfiguration, “listen to Him!”

By virtue of the personal union of Jesus’ human nature to the divine, and by virtue of the work He did through His human life, death and resurrection God credits His sinless saving work as if it is your own. Though your sins are as scarlet through Jesus’ shed blood you are now whiter than snow. (Isaiah 1:18)

The point the writer to the Hebrews makes in today’s devotional verses is though God instills great power and abilities in angels, His Son Jesus’ power is far superior. It is so superior the Scriptures say, “Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, imprint upon my heart the name of Jesus, granting me an unwavering faith in Him for my salvation.

At the name of Jesus Ev'ry knee shall bow, Ev'ry tongue confess Him
King of glory now. 'Tis the Father's pleasure We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.

At His voice creation Sprang at one to sight, All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light, Thrones and bright dominions, Stars upon their way,
All the heav'nly orders In their great array.

Humbled for a season, To receive a name From the lips of sinners
Unto whom He came, Faithfully He bore it Spotless to the last
Brought it back victorious When from earth He passed;

Bore it up triumphant With its human light, Through all ranks of creatures
To the central height, To the throne of Godhead, To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory Of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone Him; There let Him subdue All that is not holy,
All that is not true; Crown Him as your captain In temptation's hour;
Let His will enfold you In its light and pow'r.

Christians, this Lord Jesus Shall return again In His Father's glory
With His angel train; For all wreaths of empire Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Glory then to Jesus, Who, the Prince of light, To a world in darkness
Brought the gift of sight; Praise to God the Father; In the Spirit's love
Praise we all together Him who reigns above.

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