

Title: The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Text: Hebrews 1:7-9

Take your Bibles, please, and turn to Hebrews chapter 1. And we will continue where we left off last time. There are notes in your bulletin and I encourage you to follow along with me in the study of God's Word.

This book was written to the Jews. ~~And I believe to~~ Jewish Christians ^{The church} who were tempted, because of Roman persecution of ~~christians~~, to return to Judaism. And its practices as it existed apart from Christianity, in order to avoid the pressures of persecution. I hope to demonstrate that to you as we study through this book.

The person and work of Jesus Christ is the main theme of Hebrews. And I suppose that no other book with the exception of John so presents Christ in all of his glory and character and nature so well and so effectively as does Hebrews.

Now, we are looking at the Authority of Jesus ~~over~~ everything. And the authority of Christ, his greatness is being manifested and shown to us. And the first area in which we see Christ's authority ^{over} ~~above~~ all is the area of Angels.... His authority is seen over Angels....

Some religious beliefs teach that Christ is merely an exalted angel.

~~Of an angel, himself. It is true that the angel Jehovah is Christ in the OT. The word "angel" in N.T. Greek means "messenger".~~

⁽¹⁸⁾ ~~But~~ Christ is not like the angels of heaven. Christ is over them in all of his authority. And we notice that in chapter 1, first of all, in ^(9c) the motives of the heavenly Father. ~~Because the Father intended that Christ be greater than the angels...~~

And we have examined, ^{circumstances makes} first of all, his Position in Vs 2-5. I remaind of that because the Bible says that he has received a better name, a more excellent name, he is better than the angels in his position.

And secondly, we have examined his pre-eminence in vs 6. That it is the Father's will that all the angels of God worship him...

And as we learned from last time together that this is referring to God when it talks about Jesus Christ in this manner. That Jesus is God in very nature and substance and being.

(3D) Today, we come to the third ~~section of the motives of the Father.~~ ^{that is to mention concerning}

And that is His purpose. The Purpose of the Father towards his son in Verse 7-9....

(Read Hebrews 1:7-9)

Prayer

(1E) As we look at the purpose of the heavenly Father towards the son, first of all we want to look at the ~~ministry of angels in Vs 7~~ ^{Between Christ and The angels}

~~I notice that there is a tremendous~~ ^{that is} contrast being emphasised here.

In Vs 7 it says: "And of the angels He says....."

Vs 8 says "but of the Son He says".....

There is a definite contrast between the two, in regards to their ~~ministry~~ ^{purpose}. The Greek would read in a literal translation:....

"On the one hand towards the angels He said this....

"But on the other hand (vs 8) towards the son he said this".... ^{you see} ~~and so forth..~~

So, there is a tremendous contrast being made....

Now, as to the ~~ministry~~ ^{purpose} of Angels we see this contrast as we compare it to Christ in two primary areas ~~according to vs 7~~

IF One, in relationship to creationLook closely at Vs 7..."and of the angels he says,....Then we have a quote.....~~This is quote number four in the chapter~~....And the quote is from Psalm 104:4.....And the quote is: "who makes His angels"

And the word "make" is the word "create"^{so,}...The angels are created. But to the Son he says: ^{not} "Not "I made you"...but, "thy throne, O God, is forever and ever."

~~The first way~~ ^{purpose} in which we see the ~~ministry~~ of tangles contrasted with Jesus is that the angels were made or created by God the Father. But, Christ never was ~~created~~...

Now, some people say that Christ was created...That he had a beginning,

and His beginning was at Bethlehem. No...that isn't true. Because according to John 1:14 the Word of God, Jesus, became flesh. It never said he was made or created flesh. He only became ..which is referring to a change of condition. Christ said: "before Abraham was, I am"....He has always existed. He is the eternal ~~son of~~ God....He came into the world as a man. And at that point he had a beginning in terms of a human life. But he has always existed. He didn't just begin at Bethlehem. **4**

~~and~~ Nor is it true as some argue that Jesus was created sometime before the creation of the world. Because it says that he was the "first-born". And I explained that a ~~couple~~ ^{last} of week ago. The "First-born" is dealing with rank and position. Not with the ~~idea~~ ^{His Resurrection and} idea of what we talk about..like ~~being~~ giving birth to children.

It is very important to understand these things as we ~~all~~ ^{all} in Hebdrws 1. Here Christ is being exalted. He is greater than the ~~ministry of~~ angels.' And this is proven in the act of creation. Christ was not created. The angels were.

(25) Now, the second way in which we see this difference between the angels and Christ..Vs 7.. deals with character. Because he says that "the angels were created as spirits and his ministers as a flame of fire." *KJ= spirits*

Now, the word "spirit" can also be translated "winds" or "breath"... I believe "winds" is the correct translation instead of "spirits" in Vs 7. ~~Why?~~....because of the usage of the term "flame of fire."....Fire and winds ~~and~~ describing the character of angels.

In the O.T. Angels are discribed as "winds"...They are not "wind." But they are discribed as "winds".

In the N.T., ^{For Example} ~~like~~ Revelation 7:1-4, it speaks of the angels coming from the "four winds of heaven" and having the four winds of heaven in which they can destroy or hurt the earth...

Wind and fire has it's good purposes and bad purposes. And the angels in their ministries they can not only help, as they do, but they also can bring judgment as they do towards the unbeliever.

Christ

The angels are described as "fire". One of the orders and ranks of angels is called "seraphims" The word means "burning ones."

Another rank and order of angels described in the O.T. is called "cherubims". We are told they were used in terms of judgment. Bringing judgement. And they ~~are~~^{are} usually associated with fire. For example: in Genesis 3 after Adam and Eve had fallen, God in order to preserve them from taking the fruit of the tree of life and thus eternal being in a state of fallen condition, God ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ drove them out of the Garden and placed a Cherubim to guard the entrance. And this Cherubim had a flaming sword.

When you went into the Holy of Holies in the O.T. tabernacle, into the area of the Ark of the Covenant. And on top of the Ark of the covenant was a slab of gold called the "Mercy Seat". And at the each end of the mercy seat was placed a Cherubim. And they were placed looking down on the mercy seat. The idea was that they symbolised the coming of ^{God's} judgement. That is why the Priest brought the blood of an animal to appease the wrath of the angels of judgment.

Christ

And the Bible teaches that we all deserve the wrath of God; but the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from our sins. And appeased or satisfied the wrath of God. A death that died for the death of all men. You see, all men deserve to die because of sin. And when Christ died on the cross, he died for all of us. And his blood was sufficient to appease the wrath of God against sin.

So, Seraphims and cherubim are often associated with fire as well as wind. ^{So} The point that is being made is that they are ministers....or servants. The word means "to perform a function or a duty". And the highest office that an angel can reach ^{according to the Bible} is simply a minister. One who performs God's function.

~~I wish today that I could have an angel up here on the platform to tell you a little bit about himself.~~

An angel has no authority in and off himself. He is a minister. He is a servant. He performs functions and tasks for God.

And God has a host of them. How many I do not know. One text says ten thousand times ten thousand. That is a lot.

People ask: "do I have a gardian angle"? You not only have one but you prople have a host of them. And some of us need ~~form~~ than others....

But the Bible says that God has a host of angels around us taking care of us. So, these angels are very important in God's economy....But, they cannot obtain to a higher function than simplyly a servant.

Now, notice the contrast. Christ is higher than the angels because the highest function of an angle is minister; but Christ Vs 8 has the throne. He has the place of authority.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:18 "all authority is given unto me." In John 5 the Father says about the son "that he has committed all authority to the son." Angels do not have authority.

So, the second way inwhich we see this contrast as to the ~~minister~~ ^{Purpose} of angels. Not only in the fact that they were created and Christ wasn't. But also in their character. ^{Angels} They are only ministers performing functions like wind and fire do. And Christ has the throne. He is the authority.

~~Now, secondly, in looking at God's purpose as it affects the~~

25) Now, secondly, Vs 8, we see the purpose of God towards the son in the Majesty of the Son. I don't know of a passage in Hebrews that is so wonderful in exalting Jesus as Vs 8 and 9 of Hebdrews chapter 1.

And yet, this text is under servere attacks by certain cultic teaching.

And I would like to deal with it. Because I believe it is important. I

believe if you live in a neighborhood for any length of time you are going

to come under this ^{cultic} teaching. ~~(They are going to come by your door, and use~~

^{There are those who} ~~this text...~~ And they will try to tell you that the Majesty of Jesus is

not being taught in these two verses....

Now, the magisty of Jesus Christ is being expressed to us in six different, yet, exciting ways. Notice Vs 8

~~Vs 8, is also the fiveth quote in Hebrews one.~~ ^{This is} The fiveth quote f rom the O.T. ^{And} The quote comes from Psalms 45:6-7...~~Here is what it says..~~

Vs 8: "But of the Son...in contrast to the angels...he says:
(Read 8-9)

omit First of all...I don't know about you, but I'm getting tired of those who show me translation's of the Bible that translate Vs 8 something like this: (1) "The throne of you is thy God".....Another translation goes like this:(2) "Unto the son He says, the God is your throne"

The point is that they are taking away the authority of Christ. And taking away the fact that he is addressed as God in this text. By saying that God is your throne. So, what they imply is that Christ is neither God nor has the throne.....You see....

But I would like to answer that...^{Now,} First of all, the order of the sentence in the Greek text puts the words "The God" as a title or an address. Literally..."it is the throne of you, "The" God"....

So, ^{Jesus} ~~the~~ ^{re} ~~ally~~, the text is emphaseing the diety of Christ in a very strong manner. Jesus is being addressed directly in Hebrews 1:8 as God. It is to 'the Son' that this is said.

People say to me all the time that Jeus is never called God in the Bible. That is ridiculous....Here is one out-off about 13 texts....

"Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever"....It is a direct address. And it is calling Jesus "the God."

omit By the way, the next phrase proves that....Why?..."Thy throne is forever and evaer"...Then it says: "And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom."

All people, even the cultic, agree that the scepter is refering to the ^{Messiah's} ~~Messianic~~ kingdom. The scepter is held by the one who has the right to set on the throne...The scepter is given to that one....

And I say to you that the throne belongs to the one who has the scepter. And don't let people tell you that Jesus can have the scepter; but not the throne. It is ridiculous. It is double talk....This text proves that it is the Messiah, Jesus, that not only is sitting on the throne governing all the affairs of the world, but he holds the scepter. And he is called "O God" in this passage

much

OK, Let's look at these
Now, ~~what are these things.~~ ~~I have already given you a couple~~

~~of them.~~ Six statements about the Majesty of the Son.

(1F) First of all, the reality of who he is. The text says "he is God.

And he is addressed like that. Are you sure you know who Jesus is? Many times we talk about Jesus. And people like to here about Jesus. They like to hear about what ~~He~~ **He** can do. But, are you sure you understand who he is? The Bible says **He** is God. I John 5:20 says: "this is the true God"...

You had better look at that verse. Turn there, please. I jhnn 5:20....

(Vs 20 read)

Now, that is pretty clear. "This" is referigg back to Jesus Christ.

And it calls him the true God. You see, those who are watering down ^{This} ~~this~~

~~text~~ had better shape up. For one day that King of kings and Lord of lords who the Bible says God has exalted him above every name on the earth and under the heavens, ^{will Return} HIS NAME IS THE ONLY NAME THAT BRINGS SALVATION...

ant Now, back to Hebrews 1..The reality of who he is..He is God

2F The second thing about the majesty of the son is the right ~~he~~ **He** has to the kingdom. The scepter is that right. Here is the beaty of that.

In Genesis 49:10 when Jacob gave the blessing to his 12 sons. When he came to the fourth son of his wife Leah, Judah, he said: "the secpter shall not depart from Judah, nor a law giver from between his feet until Shilo comes." The word "shilo" means "who's it is"...."Until who's it is shall come"...meaning the secpter.....So, the line of the Messiah is through ~~and~~ Judah. And notice in Hebrews 1, Paul writing to the Jews, who knew that prophecy said: "the scepter ~~belongs~~ **belongs** to Jesus." He has a right to the throne He is the **M**essiah....It is a statement of fact....

3) Now, the third thing about the Magisty of the son in ^{Verse 8} ~~the passage~~.

is the reign that he has been given. The reign or ~~r~~ule that he has been given....

Two words in that text express this. ~~How powerful is Jesus...~~ ?

One, the expression of His authority is expressed by the word "Throne".. You can not get higher than the throne. Whoever is on the throne is the number one dog. ^{Right} And the Bible says that Jesus has that right to the throne, "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever." Not, for a limited time.....Jesus has an everlasting rule.

And the second word is the word "Kingdom"...referring to "the extent of his control". How much is he going to reign? How much is he going to rule? Over a kingdom...A literal kingdom...How big is that kingdom? One, it includes all of the earth...Two, all of space....three...every last person, ~~including~~ including the angels, and Satan....All are under the rule of Jesus...How powerful can you get? Are you sure you know who Jesus is?

Isn't it tremendous when you can say: "He is my salviour...My Lord.... When you can say "He is my friend"....Tremendous...

4) The fourth thing I want you to see about the Magesty of the son ¹⁵ ~~the~~ the reasons why he is worthy of this kingdom, according to Vs 9...Why is Jesus worthy?

The text says "because he loves righteousness and hated lawlessness" Notice, the words "loved" and "hated" are refering to a "point of time." It isn't continuous actions. It is a point of time. ^{OK} What does that mean? It is refering to his time on earth. The reason Christ is worthy of the kingdom and to receive the scepter is because he was born into the line of Juda through Mary. And later by Josepha who is in the direct line of Solomon. Therefore, he has the right ~~to~~ the throne by adoption.

Christ's in his life deminstrated he was worthy of that kingdome. Did you know that the Messiah, according to the Bible, whuld show his credentials before he reigned? Do ~~you~~ you know what those credentials are?

These are the credentials

He would have perfect righteousness and justices in every situation...

When you think of Christ's life and all the temptations of the Jewish leaders to trap and trick him, you understand the point. They were trying to prove that he wasn't the Messiah. But it proved ~~he~~ ^{He} was... For not once did they ever find a situation where he did something unjust. He proved he was the Messiah by doing righteousness continually with no exception in his life.

Pilate, the Roman governor, said: "I find no fault in him."... And this was said over 7 times in the trial of Jesus. There was no fault in him. He loved righteousness and ~~hated~~ ^{loved} lawlessness....

51 Number five, as to the majesty of the son. Vs 9 ..the recognition that God has directed him. Notice this.... Vs 9... "therefore God, thy

God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy companions."

The word "anointed" is the recognition ^{of} ~~that~~ God ~~selected~~ ^{anointed} him....

Now, be careful here. You have the same connotation of the word "God" ^{in Vs 9} as ~~was~~ ^{is} explained in Vs 8.... It is a direct address... ~~he~~ ^{Jesus} is being called God.

Let me translate literally.... ~~// for the world to know~~ "on account of this, O God, the God of you, anointed you.".... Do You Follow -

You see, Jesus is again being addressed as being "God" in Vs 9.. And the Father is being called "God". And that is proper... that is right.... We have one God, .. ~~God~~ the father... God the Son.. God the Holy Spirit... All are God in essences, substance and being....

So, the way he is being announced to the world, ~~the way he is being~~ ~~selected~~, he is the one to be worship, he is the one who has the throne, he is the king,.. How do you recognize him?....

By God anointing him..... The question is: "when did God the Father anoint him"?.... Some believe it was at his baptism when he said "this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."... No that is not when/..... Because according to Vs 9 he loved righteousness and hated lawlessness and then God anointed him..... Literally it says "on account of this..."

because he demonstrated that he loved righteousness, because he demonstrated that he hated lawlessness in his life, then God anointed him.

So, it couldn't have been at the time of his baptism because he hadn't had a chance to demonstrate it yet.....So, it wasn't his baptism at all.

I believe it points to the fact of his resurrection....I am not going to read all the passages; But in Ephesians chapter 1 verse 8-23 it says that God by his power raised up Jesus from the dead and now gave him authority over all....and made him the head of the church which is his body, the fullness of him which filleth all in all..

you see, The ~~way~~ God exalted and anointed him was by his resurrection. God proved it. And in Acts chapter 2:22-36, Peter preached on the day of Pentecost ~~and~~ said "I will tell you how to recognize the messiah?" God anointed him, selected him, by the resurrection. That same Jesus that you crucified, God has raised him up by which we are all witnesses.

see Because the O.T. predicted that the son of David, the Messiah, would never see corruption. His body would never see corruption. Jesus arose on the third day and he never saw corruption. The resurrection of ~~God~~ *Jesus* was the one great proof that he was the messiah, that he has the scepter, that he has the throne, that he is the saviour of the world...."who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

6 F Then, the final thing which points out the majesty of Jesus. And that is his relationship to us. *And This blessed my heart.*

In Vs 9 it says "hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy companions."

Now the word "companion" or "fellows" (kj) is never used of angels. So, don't think that it is referring to angels. But it is used of believers. "Jesus was anointed with the oil of gladness above his believers."

So, what is the point:....This text not only says that Jesus is above the angels, but he is above the believer....And you had never better forget that/...

The one to be exalted is Jesus...Colossians one says: "He is the first-born from the dead". He is the head of the church which is his body. And it pleased the Father that all the fulness should dwell in him.

In Colossians 2:9 it says "for in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authroitty."

Jesus is above all...including the believer..... *The Majesty of The Son*

Now, how do you apply this?.....

If you are setting there and you still have never bowed the knee and heart to Jesus Christ, I remaind you of who he is. He is king of kings He is Lord of Lords. He is your saviour....And he wants to save you.... He wants you to have life and lfe more abundantly....He wants you to confes your sin and receive him as Lord, and saviour of your life.....

Would you do that?.....Right now...ask Jesus to come into your life.... You have everthing to gain and nothing to lose....Right now, bow the knee to Jesus and ask ~~you~~ him to be your Lord and your savior.....

The Bible says that whosoever confess that Jesus is Lord and believes in his heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved..... Oh, my friend, I urge you to confess him today before it is to late,

But, also, believers, I don't think there is an issue that so demands our total commitment as the Lordship of Christ. Have you been running your own show? Doing what you want to do? Saying "I am going to run my own life." And then asking God to bless your affairs?..

Listen, Jesus is Lord. It is his throne. He is ruling....What right do we have to question his will? We ought to bow our kness before him and say: "Lord, what would you have me to do.".....What ever u you want me to do I will do it....My life...my job...my family....I give it all to you.... Have you ever made that commitment?....The basic root of every problem in christian commitment is related to our understanding of who Jesus is? If you know who he is, what else can you say, but "Here am I, use me"

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