

Hebrews 1 Pt 2 vv 5-14/2 Pt 1 vv 1-4

Jesus

Hebrews establishes the superiority of Jesus' revelation of God's *Grace*
Far above the angels revelation of the *God's Law...*

Hebrews 1:2b ...in these last days God [the Father] has spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed **heir** of all things, through whom also **He made the worlds**; 3 who being the **brightness of His glory** and the **express image** of His person, and **upholding all things** by the word of His power, when He had by **Himself purged our sins**, sat down at the **right hand of the Majesty on high**, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a **more excellent name** than they.

II. The Son Exalted Above Angels

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? [Psalm 2:7, 2 Sam 7:14]

Angels are called *sons of God*. [Job 38:7]...We are called adopted *sons of God*
God has only one *begotten Son*

- **Begotten:** Bring forth. rt. Of the same stuff/nature

There is one begotten Son of God the Father
God the Son...Jesus who is the Christ...Emmanuel: God w/us...

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made ...**14** And the Word became flesh [incarnation not His beginning] and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of **grace and truth** ...**18** No one has seen God at any time. **The only begotten Son**, who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has declared Him**.

- Jesus declared the Father in everything He ever did or said
- Perfect reflection/image of the Father's Grace/Truth

Q. Did God the Father ever call any angel His only begotten Son? **A.** No
Why? Angels are not of the same stuff...Angels are created/Jesus was begotten

6 But when He [the Father] again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: **"Let all the angels of God worship Him."**

True/False? The Worship of anyone/anything other than God is idolatry

Exodus 20:3 You shall have **no other gods before Me**.

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, **the LORD is one**

Isaiah 45:5 I am the LORD, and there is no other, **besides me there is no God**

If "A" is true and "B" is true then "C" must also be true

- A. If God alone is to be worshiped and...
- B. God the Father commands Jesus to be worshiped then...
- C. Jesus must be God since He is to be worshiped

God does not *condemn* the worship of Jesus but in fact...
 God the Father *commands* ALL angels/peoples to worship Jesus

Revelation 5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands**, 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" 14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders **fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.**

- **Context:** Jesus revelation of the Father is superior than angels
- Let all the angels of God worship Him [Jesus]

7 And of the angels He says: "[God] makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." [c.f. Psalm 104:4]

God the Father commands ALL angels to worship God the Son
 God the Father made angels subordinate to God the Son

- Jesus is LORD of Hosts/Commander of Angel Armies

Joshua 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "**Are You for us or for our adversaries?**" 14 So He said, "**No**, but as **Commander of the army of the Lord** I have now come." And **Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped**, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" 15 Then the Commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

As Moses was told to remove his sandals while speaking to the Burning Bush
 Joshua is told to remove his sandals while speaking to Jesus on Holy Ground

- Jesus was ministered to by angels while on earth: Desert/Garden
- Jesus has been/Always will be ministered to by myriads of angels

1 Peter 3:22 [Jesus] ...who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, **angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.**

God the Father *commands* ALL angels to worship God the Son
 Next, God the Father *confirms* Jesus as God the Son

- Angels are simply ministers...

8 But to the Son He [the Father] says: "**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever**; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. [Psalm 45:6]

God the Father speaking of Jesus...
Your Throne O God is Eternal

9 [Father to Son] You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness...

God the Father loves to declare His Son to the world

Matthew 3:17 [Baptism] ...suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**"

Matthew 17:5 [Transfiguration] "**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!**"

Q. How passionate was Jesus about making things right?

A. Passionate enough to agree to become a man/suffer/die for sinners

Hebrews 10:5 Therefore, when [Jesus] came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You [Father] did not desire, But **a body You have prepared for Me.**

Hebrews 12:2 ... Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for **the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame**, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Holy Spirit is speaking to Jews sneaking back into the sacrificial system
God the Father calling Jesus God blew their minds

God the Father continues speaking to His Son...

9b ...Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the **oil** of gladness more than Your companions."

- **v9** Three Persons of Godhead
 1. **God:** The Father
 2. Anointed **You:** God the Son with...
 3. **Oil of Gladness:** God the Holy Spirit
- v 9 Quoted from Messianic Psalm

Psalm 45:1 My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition **concerning the King**; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. 2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore **God has blessed You forever.** 6 **Your throne, O God, is forever and ever** A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; **Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You** With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. 8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad.

v 8 The Father calls Jesus God

v 9 The Father calls Himself the Jesus' God...

John 20:17 [Jesus to Mary] "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to **My brethren** and say to them, 'I am ascending to **My Father** and **your Father**, and to **My God** and **your God**.'

- In His humanity Jesus is our brother thus...
 1. Our Father is Jesus Father
 2. Our God is Jesus God

Though Jesus is willingly subservient to the Father
He is also equal to the Father...as per the Father Himself

vv 10-12 The Father exalts His Son as Eternal Lord/Creator

10 And: "**You, Lord**, in the beginning **laid the foundation of the earth**, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

Psalms 102:25 [Father to the Son] Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 26 They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. 27 But **You are the same, And Your years will have no end.**

The Father exalts Jesus as Eternal Lord/Creator

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? 14 Are they not all **ministering spirits** sent forth to **minister for those who will inherit salvation**?

Jesus is at the right hand of the Father
Today angels are Jesus' servants sent forth from Him to minister God's people...us

The angel's revelation of the Father re. the *Law of God* does not compare to
Jesus revelation of the Father re. the *Grace of God* exemplified in His sacrifice...

Issue? Jews sneaking back to the Ceremonies, Dietary Laws, Temple Worship
All only OT shadows of what was now fulfilled by Jesus, So...

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Jesus

I. Do Not Neglect Salvation

1 Therefore we must give the more **earnest heed** to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

Give earnest heed to Jesus revelation: Salvation by Grace through Faith
Or your will drift back into legalism...

Galatians 3:2 Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

Galatians 5:3 ... every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

2 For if the **word spoken through angels** proved **steadfast**, and **every transgression and disobedience** received a just reward

v 2 Word/Revelation of the Father spoken by angels now clearly defined...
I.e. Giving of the Law of God through angels to Moses

- **Law is Steadfast:** The Law endured till Jesus fulfilled it
- **Law is Proven:** The obedient were blessed/Disobedience cursed

Problem: No one could completely obey the law...so all were under the curse
Old Covenant of the Law: Ministry of death/condemnation...yet Glorious

2 Corinthians 3:6 [God] ...made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. 10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. 11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

The Law of God was glorious/The Grace of God more glorious
If there was no escape from the consequences of breaking the written law...

3 **...how shall we escape** if we neglect **so great a salvation**, which at the first began to be **spoken by the Lord**, and was **confirmed to us by those who heard Him**, 4 God also bearing witness both with **signs and wonders**, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

The revelation of the Law revealed God's judgment
The revelation of Jesus reveals God's love

Since there was/is no escape from the consequences of breaking the written law...

What will the consequences be for rejecting the offer of Grace paid for w/Jesus blood

Hebrews 10:28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of **how much worse punishment**, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has **trampled the Son of God** underfoot, **counted the blood** of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and **insulted the Spirit of grace?**

Legalists insults the Spirit of Grace and Tramples the Son of God
How shall they escape so great a Salvation?

- **Salvation *spoken of by Jesus*:** Jesus preaching repentance/Kingdom of God
- **Salvation *confirmed by His Apostles*:** All Epistles of Paul, Peter, John etc.
- **Salvation *validated w/Signs*:** Miracles/Gifts given to Apostles by the will of Jesus

How will anyone escape so great an opportunity? So great a Salvation?
Salvation: Free gift paid for w/the precious Blood of the Son of God

There is no greater sin than to sin against the love of God
Give up your pride/Surrender to Jesus/Find peace