

Christ and His Deity: The Son of God

Passage: Hebrews 1:4-14

Title: Christ is Superior to the Angels

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addressed to Hebrew Believers / pulled back into Judaism / losing focus

This book is addressed to Hebrew Believers, who were being pulled back into Judaism. Pulled back into traditions, into the temple and sacrificial system. They were being pulled back into religion and rituals and were losing focus on all that Jesus had done.

about the superiority of Christ

This book is about the superiority of Christ. He is the supreme God who demonstrated He is worthy to be praised and to be Lord of our life.

Better

The word *better* is used thirteen times in this book as the writer shows the superiority of Jesus Christ and His salvation over the Hebrew system of religion. Christ is "better than the angels" (Heb. 1:4). He brought in "a better hope" (Heb. 7: 19) because He is the Mediator of "a better covenant, which was established on better promises" (Heb. 8:6).

Perfect

Another word that is repeated in this book is perfect; in the original Greek it is used fourteen times. It means a perfect standing before God. This perfection could never be accomplished by the levitical priesthood (Heb. 7:11) or by the Law (Heb. 7: 19), nor could the blood of animal sacrifices achieve it (Heb, 10:1). Jesus Christ gave Himself as one offering for sin, and by this He has "perfected forever them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10:14).

Eternal

Eternal / Forever a third word that is important to the message of Hebrews (eternal 5 times / forever 9 times) - . Christ is the "author of eternal salvation" (Heb. 5:9). Through His death, He "obtained eternal redemption" (Heb. 9: 12) and He shares with believers "the promise of eternal inheritance" (Heb. 9:15). 'His throne is forever (Heb. 1:8) and He is a priest forever (Heb. 5:6; 6:20; 7:17, 21). "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

And let me say this, and may we understand this, and claim this..... God is eternal, He is the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)..... and you can read that and claim this equally so..... He is the "Outlasting" Father, and He will outlast anything that comes against you in this fallen world, He will outlast your enemies, He will outlast the world, He will outlast even your flesh! He is the Everlasting, Outlasting Father, who lives to make intercession for you (Hebrews 7:25)....TODAY

Combine all 3

When you combine these three important words, you discover that Jesus Christ and the Christian life He gives us are better because these blessings are eternal and they give us a perfect standing before God. The religious system under the Mosaic Law was imperfect because it could not accomplish a once-for-all redemption that was eternal.

History / His-story / weaves / from the foundations – cross – right hand

This Bible is more than a history book, it is His-story, and every book in the Bible points to Christ; but no single book so wonderfully weaves the whole Bible together as the Book of Hebrews does. From Genesis through Revelation, 66 books, by 40 different authors, no book better weaves the whole picture together like Hebrews does. We will see Jesus from the foundations of the world, to the cross, to being seated at the right-hand of the Father making intercession for the saints.

Theme of the Book of Hebrews:

(Hebrews 1:1 NKJV) God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, (Hebrews 1:2 NKJV) has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.....

The message is complete, God has spoken through the Son, there is nothing more to say. And, equally powerful, we have a speaking God who speaks to His people. He is not a distant far away God, but a here and near and hearing and speaking God. What is your need to today, speak to Him, listen for Him, and He will speak to you today.

Outline of the Book of Hebrews:

Chapter 1 – Christ and His Deity: The Son of God
Chapter 2 – Christ and His Humanity: The Son of Man
Chapter 3 – Christ and His Faithfulness: He is Greater than Moses
Chapter 4 – Christ and His Rest: The Works are Complete
Chapter 5 – Christ and His Priesthood: Our Great High Priest
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Chapter 7 – Christ and His Everlasting Priesthood: According to the Order of Melchizedek
Chapter 8 – Christ and His New Covenant: The Old Covenant is Obsolete
Chapter 9 – Christ and His Mediation: Our Sin is Paid in Full
Chapter 10 – Christ and His Sacrifice: The Animal Sacrifices are Insufficient
Chapter 11 – Christ and His Faithful Followers: the Hall of Faith
Chapter 12 – Christ and His Endurance: The Author and Finisher of Our Faith
Chapter 13 – Christ and His Calling to Us: Our Conduct

Last Study:

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7 Characteristics of Jesus Christ:

- He is Heir of all things: v2
- He is the Creator of all things: v2
- He is the Brightness of His Glory: v3
- He is the Expressed Image of God: v3
- He Holds al things together with His word: v3
- He is the Purifier of our sins: v3
- He is at the right hand of the Majesty on high: v3

Oh What a God / 4400hrs

Just recently I had to take some measures to deal with my allergies (which are somewhat a new issue in my life). So I spend considerable amount of time in my office, that I bought an air purifier that is touted to clean and purify the air of dust and allergens (to which we will find out). But of course, the key to the purifier is the filter, which is probably more costly than the actual unit (kind of like ink cartridges are these days – here buy an ink cartridge and get a free printer). Now I run my purifier 24/7, and it has a countdown timer on it so to give how much time is left on the filter and thus when to replace. It started at 4400 hours, which is 6 months. Now every now and then when I see the hours left, I could be reminded of the time that has past, and (Psalm 90:12, and Psalm 39:4), to number my days, and of course to redeem the time (Ephesians 5). Yes that is good stuff, and needs to be applied appropriately, but truly not meant to be living a countdown life, but we are meant to live a victorious faith life today! When I look at that countdown timer, I am reminded, as it went from 4000hrs to 3000hrs, that I have experienced 1,000hrs of a faithful, superior God, that has sustained me, has fought for me, has walked with me, has had intimacy and love with me, just to name a few. “OH”, what an amazing God (Romans 11:33), His riches are past finding out, the depth and love THE CREATOR of the universe has for me; and I said, Sir (now talking to God Almighty), I wish to see Jesus (the expressed image of God), and He has done just that for me these past 1,000hrs, and will so the next 3,000hrs, and beyond!

Psalm 90:12 (NKJV) ¹² So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 39:4 (NKJV) ⁴ “LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (NKJV) ¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

(John 12:21 NKJV) Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

Romans 11:33 (NKJV) ³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

This Study

Chapter 1 – Christ and His Deity: The Son of God

Jesus is God and is Superior to the Angels:

- Jesus Superior to the Angels (1:4-5)
- Jesus the Begotten One (1:5-6)
- Jesus the Righteous One (1:7-9)
- Jesus the Mighty One (1:10-14)

Why it Matters

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I pray that we see and glean and grasp what's being offered and put before us today. The O' mighty God, who lives to make intercession for us and calls us to boldly come before His throne of grace, that we may find help in time of need. It is an invitation to come into the majesty on high and to sup and to fellowship with Him. Jesus would say, "Any man who knocks, I will answer and come in and sup with." The Lord is offering you intimacy today. Not an indirect, but direct path to Him.

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Jesus Superior to the Angels

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"Let all the angels of God worship Him."

Statement is huge to a Jew

This statement is huge to a Jew for they considered angelic involvement in their nation to be a sign of God's approval upon their nation.

they help mediate the giving of the Law

When Moses received the law on Mt Sinai there were 10,000 angels present, they help mediate the giving of the Law to the nation of Israel.

Deuteronomy 33:1-2 (NKJV) ¹ *Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.* ² *And he said: "The LORD came from Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, And He came with ten thousands of saints; From His right hand Came a fiery law for them.*

Stephen referenced these angels in his sermon in Acts 7:

Acts 7:37-38 (NKJV) ³⁷ *"This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.'* ³⁸ *"This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us,*

Paul references this also in Galatians 3:

(Galatians 3:19 NKJV) *What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.*

108 OT / 165 NT / But None called Son

There are 108 OT references to angels, and 165 NT references to angels. We see them throughout the Scriptures, we see their power and usage by God, but we never see God calling them His Son, nor come sit at my right-hand.

In the Garden

Angels in the garden guarded the tree of life from man.

Genesis 3:24 (NKJV) ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Over the mercy seat

There were two angels over the "mercy seat" that sat upon the "Art of the Covenant".

Exodus 25:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat.

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One angel killed 185,000 by himself.

2 Kings 19:34–35 (NKJV) ³⁴ For I will defend this city, to save it For My own sake and for My servant David's sake. ' ' ³⁵ And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.

The mighty power of angels, just this one angel.... Yet they were created by God! Thus, how mighty is God, considering the power He has to create such power. How many is our prayer life, if we have the access to call upon the Lord, who has the power, to create and unless such power? Christian, lets call upon God to do great and mighty things in our lives, the world, and the lost.

John 14:12 (NKJV) ¹² Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV) ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

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Stands in front of Son

One angel stands in front of the sun and blocks it out:

Revelation 19:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

Jesus is superior / Groups try to make JC equal with Angels

As powerful as angels are, Jesus is superior. Why is this important to you today, because there are groups out there who try to make Jesus equal with the angels. And, many people try to make an angel equal with God.

Satan fallen / not equal with God

Satan is an angel, a fallen angel. But somehow, so many people think that Satan and God are equals.

The creation can never be greater than the creator. Satan is a mighty angel, he is equal with Michael the Arch angel, but he is nowhere near God, for Jesus is superior to the angels, the Book of Hebrews tells us that.

Ezekiel 28:13–15 (NKJV) ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. ¹⁴ "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

Jehovah Witnesses / Diminish the Cross

The Jehovah Witnesses teach that Jesus is not God, and before he lived on the earth, he was Michael the Arch Angel, therefore Jesus is created by God, and therefore He cannot be God. It is heresy, why, because it takes away from the deity of Jesus Christ. If you take away from the deity of Jesus Christ, then diminish the power of the Cross, for if it wasn't God on the cross, then what is the big deal, God can

always just create another angel to be a lamb led to a slaughter, but when it is God, ahh then it is a whole different story. For it is God leaving the throne, coming to His creation, being rejected by His own creation, spit upon, mocked and scourged, then placed upon that brutal Roman cross, for those 6 hours that one Friday. An angel, God can speak another one into existence, but His only begotten son,.....it is truly no greater love has he than this, to lay down one's life for a friend.

Mormons / JC & Satan brothers

The Mormons make Jesus equal with Satan, they say Jesus and Lucifer are brothers, that God the Father created both of them. It is somewhat hard to follow from a logic standpoint, but they say Jesus is God, but there is no Trinity, they are all 3 separate beings. However they say Satan is an angel, and Jesus is his brother. So it is tough logic to follow that if Satan is an angel, how Jesus isn't an angel, and Jesus is God, how Satan isn't a God too if they are brothers.

The Mormon doctrine says regarding salvation: God said man has gone astray, we need a plan to redeem man, both of you make a plan and present it to me, and I will pick one. The Father picked Jesus plan, Satan got upset and rebelled and was cast out of heaven, and now he is in constant battle with God. But if that isn't twisted enough for you, how did Jesus come to earth and be born of Mary? God the Father left heaven, knocked on her door, and they had sexual relations together, and Jesus was born. Not only twisted, sick, yet millions follow, and one may be knocking on your door today.

Show them Hebrews / JC is Superior

Should they come knowing, bring them to Hebrews, and show them that Jesus is superior to the angels, and that God calls Him God as we will see throughout chapter one.

Sadly, they have been conditioned, deceived on how to address this contradiction in the Scriptures. But, what they cannot deny, is the Book of Hebrews. Jesus is superior to all things,

Better / perfect / eternal / combine them for REST

As we studied last week, there are three words we see repeated throughout this book, "better" (13), "perfect" (14), and "eternal" (9). When you combine these three important words, you discover that Jesus Christ and the Christian life He gives us are better because these blessings are eternal, and they give us a perfect standing before God. The religious system under the Mosaic Law was imperfect because it could not accomplish a once-for-all redemption that was eternal, nor can Joseph Smith or the Watchtower followers.

Works complete / right hand / resting in His love

The works are complete, He is seated at the right hand of the Father making intercessor, there is no need for anything to be added, He is resting in His finished works, and man needs to rest in that the same [Zephaniah 3:17 \(NKJV\)](#) ¹⁷ *The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.*"

Jesus the Begotten One

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Confusion of Begotten / Cultist / Created

This word "begotten" has caused much confusion for the Believer and has left many unbelievers an easy prey to Satan, to twist the Scripture and lead them in a way of destruction. The Cultist are such people. They use this word, and this passage to say that Jesus is not God because He was created, but as Satan always does, he twists the Scriptures as we studied back in Genesis in the garden, and he takes the Scriptures out of context.

Definition of Begotten

Begotten: monogenes, mon-og-en-ace'; only-born, i.e. sole:--only (begotten, child).

This word was used to mean “unique”, “the only one of its kind”, “the only example of its category.” In its simplicity, it means “one and only”. There is no other.

Begotten – the First to Resurrect

best commentary / resurrection

The best commentary for the Bible is the Bible. Let the Bible interpret the Bible. God will never contradict Himself, therefore, the Bible, His Word will never contradict itself. This passage here in verse 5 is a quote from Psalm 2:7, and Paul the Apostle interprets it for us in Acts 13.

Paul explains it to us in Acts to mean that God is talking about the resurrection, Jesus is the first, the leader of the resurrection. This isn't talking birthing in this verse, but delivery.

Begotten - gennao, ghen-nah'-o; to procreate (prop. of the father, but by extens. of the mother); fig. to regenerate:--bear, beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of, gender, make, spring.

Acts 13:30–35 (NKJV) ³⁰ But God raised Him from the dead. ³¹ He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. ³² And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. ³³ God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' ³⁴ And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.' ³⁵ Therefore He also says in another Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.'

left the throne, became man / Acceptable Sacrifice

Jesus left the throne, became man, while still being God, to take on the sins of the world. He died, was buried, and rose again on the third day, then after 40 days he was raised back up into heaven and assumed His place on the Throne again. This is crucial for our understanding, the fact that Jesus rose again, proves that His substitution sacrifice was acceptable to God. If it was not, He would have been left in the grave, and would have been just another sacrifice like any other. But He was accepted, and He rose again.

Progression from verse 4

Hebrews verse 5 is the progression from verse 4, in the context that Jesus purged our sins and is seated at the right-hand of the Father.

We as children will be received / works complete

And since He rose again, it is proof that all who believe will follow Him into the resurrection. The Father received His only begotten Son up into heaven, and God the Father will receive all of us, His children, up into heaven. We can rest in that, the works are complete.

John 1:11–13 (NKJV) ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Begotten – One and Only – From Eternity

The Cultist will argue that Jesus is created, but the Scriptures never contradict themselves, and they say that Jesus is eternal, and He created all things therefore He cannot be created. Here again is a major point in dealing with Cultist, the unbeliever, or the backslider: Never let them build their case or theology from one Scripture alone. Basing a case on one Scripture gives them the advantage, their case is believable based on one verse, but when you put that verse in context of the thousands of verses, they lose their case. Scripture will never contradict itself, because God is the Word, and God would never contradict Himself. Begotten can be a confusing word, until you put it in context with the other Scriptures - Jesus is eternal, and He created all things therefore He cannot be created.

John 1:1–3 (NKJV) 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.

There are 31,102 verses in the Bible, and all of them make one message! There are not 31,102 messages in the Bible.

Jesus Christ is the Eternal Father, yet he is the Son:

Isaiah 9:6–7 (NKJV) ⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The trinity is so One, that when you look at one, you see all three.

(Deuteronomy 6:4 NKJV) "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

John 10:30 (NKJV) ³⁰ I and My Father are one."

(John 14:9 NKJV) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

cannot comprehend

Man's finite brain cannot comprehend nor explain the infinite God. Constantine said trying to explain the Trinity is like trying to pour the whole Ocean into a bucket. The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit are One God in three persons.

John 3:16

Now, what does that mean in John 3:16?

(John 3:16 NKJV) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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Special relationship with Father / The Only Lamb / The Only to Leave Heaven

So Jesus is one of a kind, He is the only one who has this relationship with the Father and Holy Spirit, and.....He is the only "Lamb of God" (John 1:29). There was no other, nor there could ever be another who could become the Lamb of God.

Refer back to our first study, Jesus took the sins of the world by Himself, as in all alone.

No one worthy to take the scroll, but the Lamb, and the Lamb only:

Revelation 5:1–7 (NKJV) ¹ And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. ⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." ⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Only-begotten does not suggest a coming into existence eternally (we've already covered that), but a coming into existence into this world, God leaving the throne, becoming man, coming from outside our time domain – into our time, and living amongst us; all to take my sin and your sin, that we might become children of God. Jesus, the Son, was the only who could do that, and did that.

(V.5) And again:

"I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?–

Your throne right where you left it

Quote from 2 Samuel 7:14. Nathan the prophet speaking to King David a Messianic prophecy.

2 Samuel 7:12–16 (NKJV) ¹² "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵ But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." ' ' "

For us, the application is God the Father is saying welcome home my Son, well done, your Father is pleased. Your position, your throne, are right where you left them when you left them to go redeem mankind from their sin.

**(Hebrews 1:6 NKJV) But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says:
"Let all the angels of God worship Him."**

Quoting Psalm 97:7 out of the Greek Septuagint.

The angels worshipped Jesus at his birth:

Luke 2:12–14 (NKJV) ¹² And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Jesus the Righteous One

(Hebrews 1:7 NKJV) And of the angels He says:

"Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

(Hebrews 1:8 NKJV) But to the Son He says:

***"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom."***

Verse 7 quoted from Psalm 104:4

Verse 8 is quoted from Psalm 45:6-7

Here again God the Father calls Jesus God, it is truly that simple.

God a just & fair judge

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. - Jesus rules righteously. Scepter represents authority in the Scriptures. God will be just and fair to all who have never heard the gospel. That pigmy will be judged righteously.

Revelation 15:3 (NKJV) ³ *They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!"*

Those people who throw that one up, well what about the person who never heard the gospel, do you mean they will go to hell, how about the person in New Guinea. Hey, if you are that concerned about them hearing the gospel, then get saved and go over there and tell them about Jesus. The true issue at hand is, Jesus will judge righteously, and the question for you, are you right with Him?

**(v.8) "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom."**

Forever and ever. He doesn't change (Malachi 3:6 & Heb 13:8),. The unbeliever hates this about God, because sin will always be sin, and He won't change His mind about it. The world may say He is out of date, but God says I do not change.

Malachi 3:6 (NKJV) ⁶ "For I *am* the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV) ⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

His never changing is good for us, for He will never change His mind about us, and the forgiveness of our sin. In Christ we are forgiven, so when I die, I will be heaven bound. I won't get there, and God say, well I changed my mind, you didn't work out the way I had hoped.

(Hebrews 1:9 NKJV)

You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

Quoted from Isaiah 61:1-3

God here talking to the Son, again calls Him God, it is that simple, Jesus is God.

Jesus Passionate

Here's a verse that gives us a glimpse into the personality of Jesus while He was on Earth... Jesus was a passionate, fiery person. He loved and hated... He loved what was right and hated rebellion.

Gladness is directly proportionally to holiness

Notice the "therefore" in the verse, it links the relationship between righteousness and gladness. Jesus loves righteousness and hates evil, and righteousness brings Him gladness, Gladness is directly proportionally to holiness. Happiness and holiness go hand-n-hand..The world doesn't get this, many believer don't either, the extent you are holy, is the extent that you will be happy. Sin robs you of joy, it brings depression into your life.

The extent you chose to be holy is the extent you will be happy; and the extent you chose to compromise holiness, is the extent you will be unhappy. You can have all of God you want, but not one drop more.

Jesus the Mighty One

(Hebrews 1:10 NKJV) And:

"You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

(Hebrews 1:11 NKJV)

They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment;

(Hebrews 1:12 NKJV)

Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

Verse 10 Quoted from Psalm 102:25-27

Verse 11-12 Quoted from Isaiah 34:4

Everlasting / Outlasting

The Son, Jesus Christ, will outlast the Universe. He laid the foundations of the universe, and He will let them go someday. The earth is fading, the universe is moving from order to disorder.

And let me say this, and may we understand this, and claim this..... God is eternal, He is the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)..... and you can read that and claim this equally so..... He is the "Outlasting" Father, and He will outlast anything that comes against you in this fallen world, He will outlast your enemies, He will outlast the world, He will outlast even your flesh! He is the Everlasting, Outlasting Father, who lives to make intercession for you (Hebrews 7:25)....TODAY

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV) ⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Priority / Hard times – Hang-on

What does this mean to you, remember to keep things in perspective and priority, for someday it is all going to burn. These readers were being persecuted, they were going through hard times, but the writer is saying, it is all fading away, Jesus will always remain, so no matter what you may have lost or will lose, you still will have all that matters, and all that will last forever.

**(Hebrews 1:13 NKJV) But to which of the angels has He ever said:
"Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?**

Quoted from Psalm 110:1

a victorious General

It is a picture of a victorious General, with his foot on the neck of his defeated foe. Maybe you seem like you are losing the battle in this life, but Christ is superior, he has His foot on the neck of your enemy, the Devil, and He and you will be victorious.

Colossians 2:14–15 (NKJV) ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

(Hebrews 1:14 NKJV) Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

We will judge them, but they will protect us.

(1 Corinthians 6:3 NKJV) Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

(Psalms 91:11 NKJV) For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

After Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness, the angels came and ministered to Him.

Matthew 4:10–11 (NKJV) ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

American WW2 pilots recant stories of being greatly outnumbered by the Germans in dogfights, and they would see inside the cockpits and see dead pilots, but some great light in the cockpit, and the plane would still be in the battle shooting down German planes.

Story of the King of Syria coming to kill Elisha for being a prophet and foiling all his attack plans by telling of them before he would do them:

2 Kings 6:12–17 (NKJV) ¹² And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." ¹³ So he said, "Go and see where he *is*, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely *he is* in Dothan." ¹⁴ Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵ And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶ So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who *are* with us *are* more than those who *are* with them." ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

A missionary in South America tells the story of how the word had got to him that the tribal Witch Doctor was coming with a group of men to kill him and his wife. So the couple said all we can do is pray, so they spent the night in prayer, and the attack never came. It was some years later. The Witch Doctor gave his life to the Lord, and the missionary asked why didn't you kill us that night. The Witch Doctor said we came, but when we saw all those huge men with swords outside your house, we said forget it.

I may have met my guardian angel in California while I was in Bible College. I was doing street ministry and met this homeless man out in front of In&Out Burger. I offered him some food but he declined, I asked him where he lived and he pointed to the curb along the roadside, by a grate that would allow steam to rise from the hot water pipes running through the city. Amazingly I asked to pray for him, and he allowed me, and then he said let me pray for you. When he prayed, he had prayed exactly for what I was asking the Lord to show me that day in my devotion, in reference to what the Lord had for me, and wanted me to do for Him. Was it my guardian angel, maybe, maybe.

As powerful as these angels are, Jesus is superior, for His is God, the only begotten, He is sitting at the right-hand of the Father. He is superior, He is better, He is perfect, and He is eternal.

God of Angel Armies by My Side / Jesus Better than Angels

The angel who ministers to you doesn't love you. He's just following orders. It's "The God of Angel of Armies that's always by my side." God might send an angel to show His compassion, but it's Jesus who cares! Always remember, Jesus is better than angels!

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Jesus is God and is Superior to the Angels:

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Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.