

## HEBREWS

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INTRO: We have been looking at the One through whom God has spoken to us in these last days. Before Christ came He spoke to the fathers through the prophets. In these last days He has spoken to us through Jesus Christ. He has been described as the One who is heir of all things. Then He is the One through whom God created the worlds. He is the brightness of God's glory. He is the express image of God Himself. He is the One that upholds all things by the word of His power. And the one thing our passage says He accomplished before He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high is that He purged us from our sins.

We are going to look at a very significant statement in our passage which says, "He sat down." The main statement of our passage is that God has spoken to us in these last days by His Son. We could add a little to that and it would say, "God has spoken to us in these last days by His Son who sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." It is a truly phenomenal statement and we will be looking at that in this message. We have looked at when He sat down. He sat down when He had purged us from our sins, when the work of redemption was complete. But now we want to look at the significance of the fact that He sat down.

We are going to begin with this question: Where was it that He sat down? Our text says He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, but our question is, just where is that? Where does the Majesty on high sit? Every part of this phenomenal sentence is very significant!

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##### - The place He sat down

When the Lord Jesus had completed that one great act of purging our sins, He did something very significant. He sat down. For us, in our culture, that may not seem significant. To these Hebrew readers, that will be very meaningful. So, having looked at when He sat down, we now want to consider where He sat down. When that great

work of purging our sins was completed, Jesus Christ ascended and went back to heaven and He sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high!

So, to have you think, let me ask you, where was it that He sat down? Well, when He ascended He ascended through the first heaven. That is the atmospheric heaven, the place birds fly. Then He ascended through the second heaven. That is where the Hubble telescope that was launched in April of 1990, is still taking pictures. But it is being replaced now by the James Webb telescope that is 100 times more powerful than the Hubble and it is now beginning its mission.

But Jesus did not go to the second heaven, He ascended through it, and then went on to the third heaven. In 2 Corinthians 12:2 the Apostle Paul talks about being caught up to the third heaven. And in the third heaven there is a city. It is the city where the streets with gold are laid. It is the city, where the song writer says, the roses never fade. Here, where we live, the roses bloom but for a season, soon their beauty is decayed. Where we live is the place of temporary things. Where Jesus Christ now sits at the right hand of the Majesty on high, things are eternal.

Just before Jesus died He told the disciples He was going to prepare a place in glory for them. So come with me to that city of which He spoke. We go to Revelation 21. You see, someday this city is coming down to earth. Before the Christian are days so wonderful as to defy description. We begin in verse 9:

*9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me,*

saying, "Come, I will show you the bride,  
the Lamb's wife."

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to  
a great and high mountain, and showed me  
the great city, the holy Jerusalem,  
descending out of heaven from God,

11 having the glory of God. Her light was  
like a most precious stone, like a jasper  
stone, clear as crystal.

12 Also she had a great and high wall with  
twelve gates, and twelve angels at the  
gates, and names written on them, which are  
the names of the twelve tribes of the  
children of Israel:

13 three gates on the east, three gates on  
the north, three gates on the south, and  
three gates on the west.

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve  
foundations, and on them were the names of  
the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he who talked with me had a gold  
reed to measure the city, its gates, and  
its wall.

16 The city is laid out as a square; its  
length is as great as its breadth. And he  
measured the city with the reed: twelve  
thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and  
height are equal.

17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred  
and forty-four cubits, according to the  
measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

18 The construction of its wall was of  
jasper; and the city was pure gold, like  
clear glass.

19 The foundations of the wall of the city  
were adorned with all kinds of precious  
stones:

When our text says Jesus Christ sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, the place He sat down is in this city. This is the city Abraham saw by faith. You see, the book of Hebrews is written to Christians who are thinking of turning back. And the writer encourages them several times with this city, the place where their Lord now sits at the right hand of God.

Listen to Hebrews 11:8-10:

*8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.*

*9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;*

*10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

Abraham has now been in that city for around 4,000 years. Listen to Jesus in Matthew 8:11:

*11 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.*

I am planning for that time, which for me is now only a few years away at the latest if the catching up does not happen first. As the writer encourages these discouraged believers, he says in 11:16 of all those who lived by faith in the past:

*16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a **city** for them.*

In 12:22-24 he says:

*22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,*

*23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,*

*24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*

You see, this is the place where Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. And in 13:14 the writer reminds these believers of this:

*14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.*

These Jewish Christians were thinking of going back to Judaism. That means three times each year they would be going back to their city, Jerusalem, in Judea. But what they did not know at that time was that in a few years that city would be flattened to the ground along with their beloved temple. This writer reminds them they need to have their eyes on the eternal city. That is where we need to keep our eyes too.

Turn to Revelation 21. You will remember that just before Jesus was crucified He said that He was going to prepare a place for them in His Father's house. You might consider listening to our messages on [sermonaudio.com](http://sermonaudio.com) to the messages called, "In My Father's House." There is so much to say here about the Father's house, because in this city is the place called His Father's House. It is this city that is coming down to earth some day and God and Jesus Christ will live in that city and it will be in

Israel, where Jerusalem is today. And in the passage we are about to read, John the apostle opens a window into the future and shows us that city which Abraham looked forward to. We begin in verse 1:

*1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.*

*2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.*

*4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

*5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."*

Now we ask, when Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, in this city, where in this city did He sit down? Well, in this city is a temple that God built Himself. Turn to Hebrews 8. You see, from chapter 3 and on the writer will show these Hebrew Christians that Jesus Christ is better than Judaism. And in Hebrews 8 we learn some things about Judaism. We begin in verse 1:

*1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest,*

*who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,*

Here we have Jesus Christ seated at the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens.  
Verse 2:

*2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.*

He is now a minister of the true sanctuary which is in heaven. This is the sanctuary that God Himself made. We won't take time for it, but let me recommend some of our messages on Ascension Day where we dealt with the present ministry of Jesus Christ in this temple. All records of sin are laid up in this place. When anyone repents, like in a court of law, that sin is taken care of. It is removed from the record books never, ever to be mentioned again. This is a very busy place today.

Verse 3:

*3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.*

*4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;*

*5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."*

Now notice that this sanctuary where Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of God is the pattern for the one Moses built at Mount Sinai. So, this place where Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of the Majesty on

high is in this place God built in heaven. And He is in the Holy of Holies, the place where only the High Priest on earth could enter, and that only once a year. This is the holiest place in all three heavens! There is no holier place than this one in existence. You see, the tabernacle that the Jews built on earth is a copy of the one in heaven. We will learn all about this in the book of Hebrews.

So now we know both the general place where He sat down, and the specific place. Let me just remind us that if we sin today, that sin will be recorded here. If we repent today, that sin will be removed from our record here. That is because He purged us from our sins! This temple is in existence to deal with sin. When this city comes down to earth after the New Heavens and New Earth come into existence, this temple will cease to exist. That is because at that time sin will forever have been justly dealt with! So Revelation 21:22 tells us there is no temple in that city after it comes down to earth.

- The significance of sitting down

Well, this temple is in existence to deal with sin. Here all sins that are repented of are taken care of. Those that are not taken care of are laid up until the judgement, and the person who has those unforgiven sins will be judged by them.

But let me tell you now the significance of Jesus Christ sitting down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. The Jewish tabernacle had some furniture but it had no chair. There was no place to sit down. Why? Because the priest's work on earth was never done. But when Jesus died on earth, the veil in the temple on earth was torn from top to bottom! Eternal redemption was finished! So when He went back to heaven

and entered this temple He sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high. The work of redemption was complete!

And so now we ask, where did the Majesty on high dwell? Listen to Psalm 99:1

*1 The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells **between the cherubim**; Let the earth be moved!*

Now listen to Isaiah 37:16:

*16 "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells **between the cherubim**, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.*

Now somebody tell me where "between the cherubim" is?? Do you remember what is called the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies? In this Holy of Holies was a very special ark, a box. Can anybody tell me what was in this ark? Well, it had the two tables of stone on which the ten commandments were written that Moses got on Mount Sinai. Then there was the pot that had some of the manna in it that Israel ate for 40 years in the wilderness. And then it had Aaron's rod that budded. You can study all that.

Turn to Exodus 25 where God instructed Moses how to build this tabernacle that was made after the pattern of the one in heaven. And on top of that ark was a lid. And on either end of that lid was a Cherub made of gold. We begin in verse 17:

*17 "You shall make a **mercy seat** of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width.*

*18 "And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the **mercy seat**.*

19 "Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat.

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.

21 "You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you.

22 "And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

And can someone tell me what was between the Cherubs? Listen to Psalm 99:1 again:

1 The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

I'll read Isaiah 37:16 once more as well:

16 "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

Now can someone tell me what this lid is called in the Bibles. I do not know how it got that name. The word for it has neither the word *mercy*, nor the word *seat* in it. We'll cover that elsewhere in the book of Hebrews.

Here then, is the place where Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of the Majesty on

high. The Hebrew readers would have understood all this without explanation.

Turn to 2 Chronicles 7. You will remember that Solomon built a temple for the Lord. Inside this temple was the tabernacle area. And when he had dedicated the temple, listen to what happened:

*1 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.*

*2 And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house.*

*3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."*

*4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.*

*5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.*

*6 And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the LORD, which King David had made to praise the LORD, saying, "For His mercy endures forever," whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.*

Note in verse 2 that the glory of the Lord was so powerful that the priests could not enter. This glory filled the house. Let us

remember here that Jesus Christ is the brightness of that glory!

Now note that Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. We say of some, that they are someone's right hand man. This is a special place of honor and authority. The one who is at the right hand, is second only to the one who is in charge. Here, Jesus Christ is at the right hand of God Almighty, the Majesty on high.

The word translated "majesty" is *megalosunee*. You will recognize the *mega* part of this word. Here is the truly Mega One, the Great One. There was a hockey player who came from Alberta. He played for the Edmonton Oilers for years. He is called, "The Great One." He was the *megalosunee* of one sport. This one in heaven is the *megalosunee* of everything! And Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of the Great One on high!

By the way, let me say I am not an avid hockey fan. I just happen to know a few things about it. My wife said she was in school when the 1972 games were played and they were allowed to go to another room and watch the game on TV during school hours. Someone else told me that Paul Henderson wrote a book called *Shooting for Glory*. He was a professing Christian and so understood something about glory.

But all hockey aside, we are looking at something mega much more significant, and that is the glory of God Almighty. Nothing will ever exceed this glory. And Jesus Christ sits at His right hand!

- The reason He could sit down

Now when this writer of the letter to the Hebrews began writing, what he deals with last in this majestic sentence is that

which was on his heart before he started. He wanted to show them that Jesus was far superior to angels. But he first shows them who Jesus Christ is before he talks about the problem of trusting in angels. We won't look at what angels are and what they do, as we will come to much of that in these two chapters and will look at those things then.

Verse 4 is a transition to the subject he wants to talk about. Let us say we want to talk to someone about the Lord and when the conversation lends itself to this subject, one might make the transition to spiritual things and then talk about what one wanted to talk about all along. But what the writer has done is to gently lead up to the desired subject. He has laid the groundwork to give the evidence for what he will deal with, which is that angels are not the hope of deliverance into the Messianic kingdom.

So the last thing the writer says in this sentence brings up the subject he wants to talk about, and he will do so for the rest of the next two chapters. That subject is angels. And he wants to show how far superior to angels, Jesus Christ is. What we are given in verse 4 is the reason He sat down at the right hand of God, and it is this: "having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they!"

Now let me start from verse 1 again. God has spoken to us in these last days through the Son. And now we will be told about this Son. First, God has appointed Him heir of all things. Second, God created the universe through Him. Third, He is the brightness of the glory of God. Fourth, He is the express image of God's Person. Fifth, He purged us from our sins by

Himself. Sixth, He has sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

And that brings us to the seventh and last thing. He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a name more excellent than they. Here we reach the highest point of this exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ!

We note first that He has become better than the angels. Now, wait a minute. Is this saying that at one point He was only just as good as angels, or not even as good as the angels? Well, turn over to Hebrews 2:7. It says:

*7 You have made him **a little lower** than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.*

Well, to whom does this refer, to man or to Jesus Christ? We must go to Psalm 8. No doubt if you had gone to Jerusalem on the three occasions each year during the feasts, you would have heard that huge choir sing this Psalm. You will note from the first words that it is written to be sung in a special way. It says:

*1 «To the Chief Musician. On the instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.»*

Then the actual Psalm continues in verse 1 like this:

*0 LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!*

*2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.*

3 *When I consider Your heavens, the work  
of Your fingers, The moon and the stars,  
which You have ordained,*

4 *What is man that You are mindful of him,  
And the son of man that You visit him?*

5 *For You have made him a little lower  
than the angels, And You have crowned him  
with glory and honor.*

So, whom is this talking about, mankind, or  
Jesus Christ? Well, it is mankind. Look at  
the next verses:

6 *You have made him to have dominion over  
the works of Your hands; You have put all  
things under his feet,*

7 *All sheep and oxen—Even the beasts of  
the field,*

8 *The birds of the air, And the fish of  
the sea That pass through the paths of the  
seas.*

9 *O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your  
name in all the earth!*

But there is a question in verse 4, it  
refers to man and the Son of Man. Does the  
phrase "Son of Man" refer to Jesus Christ?  
Some say no and others say yes.

Albert Barnes says that the phrase "son of  
man" refers to anyone of the human race.  
But John Gill says: "The name of "the son  
of man" is the name of the Messiah, in **Ps  
80:17 Da 7:13**; and is often given to  
Christ, and used by him of himself in the  
New Testament."

God made man to have dominion over the  
earth. But Jesus Christ, as the Son of Man  
will have dominion over everything! Hebrews  
2:8 says we do not yet see all things put

under His dominion. Well, we see that more and more. But that day is coming, and soon.

But look now at Hebrews 2:9. It says:

*9 But we see Jesus, who was made **a little lower** than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.*

Here we are plainly told that Jesus was made a little lower than the angels. And how was that? That happened when He became human. And He became human that He might die on our behalf. But we now see Him crowned with glory and honor. How is that? Well, He is seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high. That cannot be said of any other man or angel, ever. We have already seen, and will see again later how far above angels He has been exalted.

And how did He achieve this exalted position that is so far above angels? In His life as a Man He became so much better than the angels! He became better. How? By dying for sinful man! Neither any other human being nor any angel could do that. It had to be God! But for God to do that He had to become man!

Turn now to that companion passage to this one, Philippians 2.

*1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,*

*2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*

*3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of*

*mind let each esteem others better than himself.*

*4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

*5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*

*6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*

*7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*

*8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

No greater contrast exists than this one. God became flesh and as a man He humbled Himself and let sinful man do his sinful work which ended up that man nailed the Creator to the cross! Try to think of something that exceeds that great contrast!

Now let me show you another great contrast. Our passage in Hebrews now says this in verse 4:

*4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

I tend to think the ESV translates this in the sense I take from this verse. It says:

*4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*

Jesus Christ became as much better than the angels as the name He inherited is better than any name of any angel. Now I ask you,

what name did He inherit? I am going out on a limb a little here, but I am convinced of this and have taught it in the past. Some commentaries say that the name He got is "Son." Albert Barnes says: "A *more excellent name*. To wit, the name *Son*." I do not think that is correct.

We must now go back to Philippians 2. We read earlier how Jesus Christ humbled Himself, not just to death, but the death of the cross. When you one dies on the cross guiltless, that is the most humble death you can die. And He humbled Himself to the most humbling death He could have died. And He had the power to avoid that death, but it would have sent mankind to hell!

Now we go on to verse 9 in Philippians 2:

*9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*

Somebody tell me, what is the name above every name???? It is not the *Son* and it is not the name *Jesus*. There are many people who have the name *Jesus*. When my son-in-law and I were ministering in Egypt, the man in charge of the school had the Arab name, *Issa*. One day he introduced himself in class and said his name was *Issa*. And someone let out a little gasp and he said, "What is the matter? Don't you like my name?" *Issa* is the name *Jesus*! But *Jesus* is not the name above all names.

There is only one name above all names, and that is the name *Jehovah*, or *Jawey*. When Moses was to deliver Israel out of Egypt he was hesitant. Listen to Exodus 3:13-14:

*13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me*

*to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"*

*14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"*

That name, "I am" is the name above all names. There is no higher name. It is the simple verb "to be" or "to exist." God is. No one will ever change that. He exists by Himself with no need of anything or anyone. He is. That is the name we call Jehovah, or Jaweh. That is the name I believe Jesus Christ inherited when He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

"But," you might say, "in Philippians 2:10 it sounds like it is the name *Jesus* that is the highest name." Well, listen to this verse carefully:

*10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*

*11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Now note what it does not say. It does not say, "that at the name Jesus every knee should bow." It says every knee will bow at the name OF Jesus. That is the name verse 9 speaks of.

But now note verse 11 again:

*11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

What will every tongue confess? That Jesus Christ is Lord, Jehovah, Jawey. When you read in the OT and you come to the name translated LORD, all in capitals, that is

the name Jehovah. When Jesus Christ died, was buried, rose again and ascended into heaven, He inherited this name. There is no higher name. That is how far He is exalted above angels! He is exalted as far above angels as His name is above their names!

Did you know that the Jews never say this name? How many of you have seen some Jewish writer writing in English and he writes the name God with no o in it? That is because they never say the name Jehovah. When the Jew came to the name Jehovah in the OT he never said it, but he said "Adonia." We would say, "Lord." So, some Bibles, when they come to this name write the name LORD all in capitals when it speaks of this name.

Only once a year, and only on the holiest day of the year, and only by the High Priest was this name ever uttered by the Jews. This is the name above all names. Some day every world leader, every cult leader, every priest, every preacher, every evolutionist, every lost person will stand before Jesus Christ and confess Him to be LORD, or Jehovah. They will attribute to Him the name above all names. Why? Because by Himself he purged us from our sins and they failed to honor Him!

CONCL: Well, with that, we bring to a conclusion these thoughts of that first and majestic sentence of Hebrews 1:1-4. The redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ has been completed, and He is now sitting at the right hand of the majesty on high, in the temple that God Himself built in that great city, the New Jerusalem.

And what we learn in this great sentence is that all the things the writer has said of Jesus could not have been said of any angel. God spoke to us through Him in these last days. God appointed Jesus, heir of all things. He made the universe through Him. He is the brightness of God's glory. He is the express image of God Himself. He purged us from our sins. He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Then He, creator

of the universe became flesh and a little lower than the angels, and then He was exalted far above all exalted beings. All these things God could not and did not do by angels. Here is the King of kings, and the Lord of lords!

And it is now, after this that the writer will tell us about angels and how they compare to Jesus Christ.