

“Are We Not As The Angels?”
Hebrews 1: 1 – 4: 13
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7. Christ’s Superiority Is Praised In That His Rule Is Absolutely Sovereign, (vs. 13 – 14)

Message Emphasis: Many today are unwilling to submit themselves to the commands of Christ. Are we not to be as the angels of God and be “Sent out” for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

13.1) Christ’s Person Can Not Be Substituted ... *Our hope is not found in anything other than Christ ... NOT works... asceticism... “To Which Of The Angels Has He Ever Said (Perf.Act.Ind) Sit (Pres.Act.Impv) At My Right Hand”- 1) “Being a prophet & knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ,²⁾ that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.³⁾ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing...⁴⁾ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” (Acts 2:30–36, ESV)*

1) Christ is the ONLY One who can fulfill the promise of salvation

2) Christ is the ONLY One who has not suffered corruption; even in death-

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

3) Christ is the ONLY One who has authority to send out His Spirit

Alas! and did my Savior bleed And did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?

4) Christ is the ONLY One who has been given the right to rule and save His people

But drops of grief can ne’er repay The debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give my self away ’Tis all that I can do.

13.2) Christ’s Power Can Not Be Subordinated *I may not like submitting to Christ; that doesn’t change the necessity*

“Until I Make (Aor.Act.Subj) Your Enemies A Footstool Under Your Feet”- 1) “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.²⁾ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.³⁾ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” (1 Corinthians 15:22–26)

1) Death is certain for all but Christ is certain for all who believe

...death is proof of Scripture’s truthfulness

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, each soldier to his post, Close up the broken column, and shout through all the host: Make good the loss so heavy, in those that still remain, And prove to all around you that death itself is gain.

2) The certainty of Christ is that all will be delivered unto God

...if death is certain... must accept judgment

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory His army shall He lead, Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

3) Christ will even deliver “death” as a conquered enemy

...if death is defeated... what makes me think I can stand on my own?

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; This day the noise of battle, the next the victor’s song. To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be; They with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

14.3) Christ’s Pronouncements Can Not Be Subverted

... Am I willing to accept the necessity of Christ’s commands?

“All Ministering Spirits Sent (Pres.Pas.Part) To Serve Those Who Are To (Pres.Act.Part) Inherit (Pres.Act.Inf) Salvation”- 1) “Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.²⁾ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.³⁾ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’” (Matthew 25:32–36, ESV)

1) There are ONLY two groups of people; sheep or goats

2) There are ONLY two kinds of response from Christ; blessedness or cursed

3) There is ONLY one proof of Christ’s rule in your life; your love of Christ

***** The Question Is Not What Must I Do? Rather, What Must I Do To Be Saved? *****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul & know that you are “sent” for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation.

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:22, ESV)

What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.” (Matthew 18:10–14, ESV)

1) Christ will seek out the lost; they are valuable to Him

2) There is great rejoicing over one sinner who comes to repentance.

How deep the Father’s love for us, How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

8. The Revelation Of Christ's Supremacy Over The Spiritual Realm Calls Us To Pay Closer Attention, (vs. 2: 1)
9. If We Neglect The Revelation Of Christ's Supremacy, We Will Not Escape The Judgment Of God, (vs. 2 - 3a)
10. The Revelation Of Christ's Supremacy Has Every Tangible Proof That What God Has Said Is True, (vs. 3b - 4)

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Earthly Realm, (vs. 2: 5 - 18)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Law (vs. 3: 1 - 4: 13)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**