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The Nature of the Son

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. ²In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of his nature, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. ⁴So he became superior to the angels, just as the name he inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Son Superior to Angels

⁵For to which of the angels did he ever say,

You are my Son;

today I have become your Father,

or again,

I will be his Father,

and he will be my Son?

⁶Again, when he brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

And let all God's angels worship him.

⁷And about the angels he says:

He makes his angels winds,

and his servants a fiery flame,

⁸but to the Son:

Your throne, God,

is forever and ever,

and the scepter of your kingdom

is a scepter of justice.

⁹ **You have loved righteousness**

and hated lawlessness;

this is why God, your God,

has anointed you

with the oil of joy



beyond your companions.

¹⁰ And:

In the beginning, Lord,
you established the earth,
and the heavens are the works
of your hands;

¹¹ they will perish, but you remain.

They will all wear out like clothing;

¹² you will roll them up like a cloak,
and they will be changed like clothing.

But you are the same,
and your years will never end.

¹³ Now to which of the angels has he ever said:

Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies your footstool?

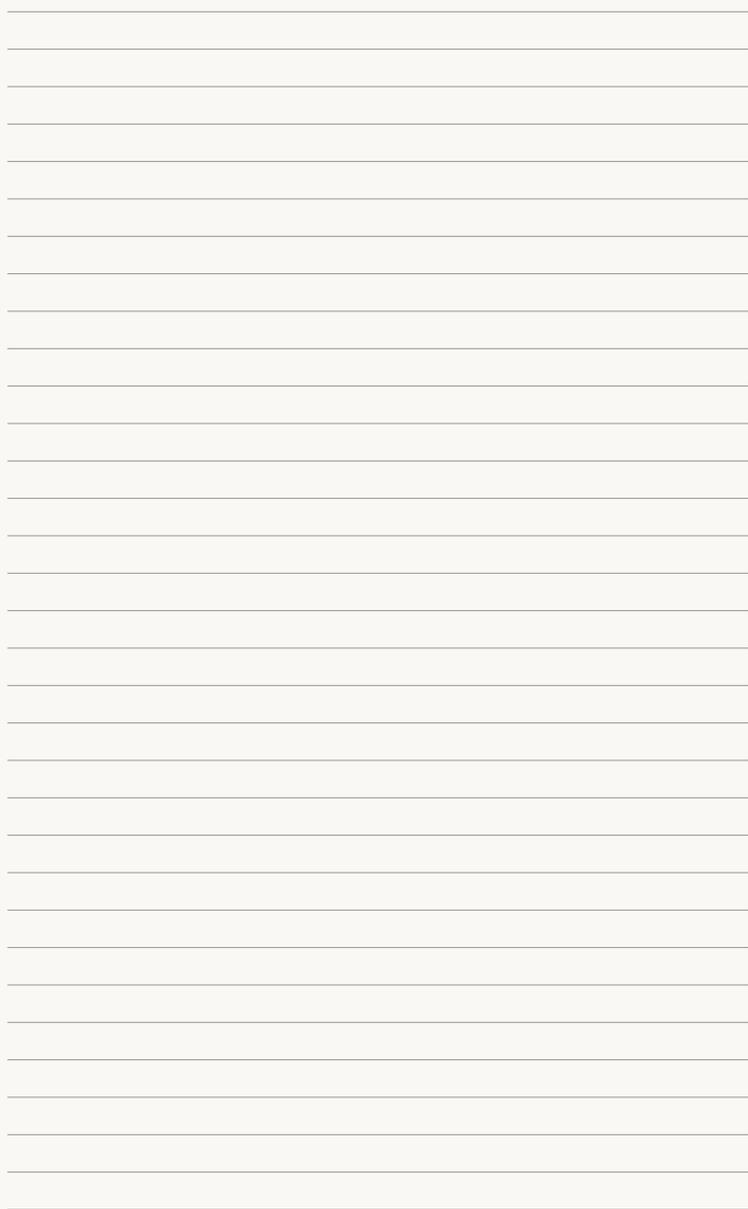
¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve those who are going to inherit salvation?

Warning against Neglect

2 For this reason, we must pay attention all the more to what we have heard, so that we will not drift away. ² For if the message spoken through angels was legally binding and every transgression and disobedience received a just punishment, ³ how will we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? This salvation had its beginning when it was spoken of by the Lord, and it was confirmed to us by those who heard him. ⁴ At the same time, God also testified by signs and wonders, various miracles, and distributions of gifts from the Holy Spirit according to his will.

Jesus and Humanity

⁵ For he has not subjected to angels the world to come that we are talking about. ⁶ But someone somewhere has testified:



**What is man that you remember him,
or the son of man that you care for him?**

**7 You made him lower than the angels
for a short time;**

you crowned him with glory and honor

8 and subjected everything under his feet.

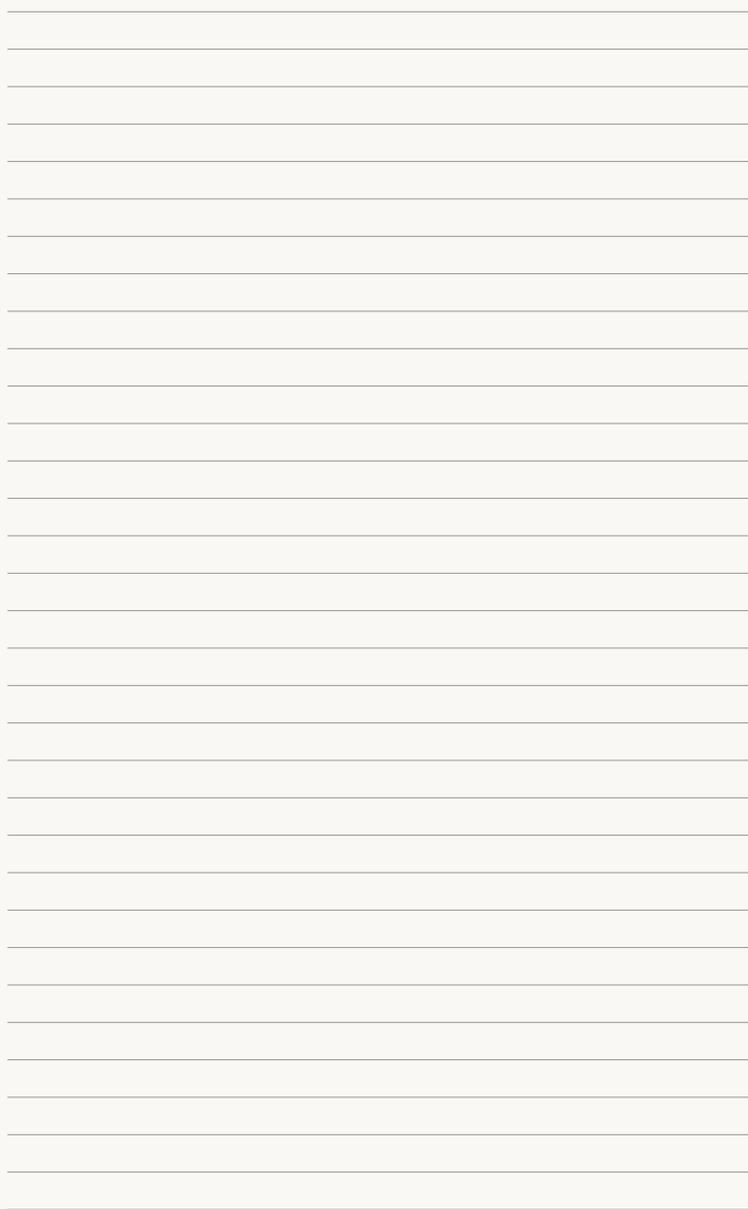
For in **subjecting everything** to him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. As it is, we do not yet see **everything subjected** to him. ⁹But we do see Jesus — **made lower than the angels for a short time** so that by God's grace he might taste death for everyone — **crowned with glory and honor** because he suffered death.

¹⁰For in bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was entirely appropriate that God — for whom and through whom all things exist — should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying:

**I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;
I will sing hymns to you in the congregation.**

¹³Again, **I will trust in him**. And again, **Here I am with the children God gave me**.

¹⁴Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that through his death he might destroy the one holding the power of death — that is, the devil — ¹⁵and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he does not reach out to help angels, but to help Abraham's offspring. ¹⁷Therefore, he had to be like his brothers and sisters in every way, so that he could become a merciful and faithful high priest in matters pertaining to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For since he himself has suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.



Our Apostle and High Priest

3 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was in all God's household. ³For Jesus is considered worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder has more honor than the house. ⁴Now every house is built by someone, but the one who built everything is God. ⁵Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's household, as a testimony to what would be said in the future. ⁶But Christ was faithful as a Son over his household. And we are that household if we hold on to our confidence and the hope in which we boast.

Warning against Unbelief

⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
on the day of testing in the wilderness,

⁹ where your ancestors tested me, tried me,
and saw my works ¹⁰for forty years.

Therefore I was provoked to anger
with that generation

and said, "They always go astray
in their hearts,

and they have not known my ways."

¹¹ So I swore in my anger,
"They will not enter my rest."

¹²Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won't be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception. ¹⁴For we have become participants in Christ if we hold firmly until the end the reality that we had at the start. ¹⁵As it is said:

