**HEBREWS**

**1** 1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5For to which of the angels did God ever say, ***“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”*** a? Or again, ***“I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”*** b?

6And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, ***“Let all God's angels worship him.”*** c7Of the angels he says, ***“He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”*** d  8But of the Son he says, ***“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. 9You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”*** e

10And, ***“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; 11they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, 12like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”*** f

13And to which of the angels has he ever said, ***“Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”***? g 14Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

a Psalm 2:7

b 2 Samuel 7:14

c Psalm 97:7

d Psalm 104:4\*

e Psalm 45:6-7

f Psalm 102:25-27

g Psalm 110:1

\* See how the Holy Spirit uses the same passage to reveal truth in two different contexts.

**2** 1Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. 2For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

5For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. 6It has been testified somewhere, ***“What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? 7You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, 8putting everything in subjection under his feet.”*** h

Now in **putting everything in subjection to him**, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see **everything in subjection to him**. 9But we see him who for a little while **was made lower than the angels**, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12saying, ***“I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”*** i 13And again, ***“I will put my trust in him.”*** j And again, ***“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”*** k

14Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

h Psalm 8:4-6\*

i Psalm 22:22

j Isaiah 12:2

k Isaiah 8:18

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