

Made Lower than Angels for a Little While

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"For unto the angels He (the Father) has not put in subjection the world to come, of which we are speaking. But someone in a certain place testified, saying, '*What is man (mankind), that You are mindful of him? Or the son of man, that You care about him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and have set him over the works of Your hands: You have put all things in subjection under his feet.*' (Psalm 8:4-6) For in that He (the Father) put all things in subjection under him (mankind), He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not see all things put under him. But we do see **Jesus, who for a little while, was made lower than the angels** for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; so that **He (Jesus)** by the grace of God **should taste death for every man.** For it became Him (Jesus), for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Author of their Salvation (Jesus) perfect through sufferings. For both He (Jesus) who sanctifies and they (us) who are sanctified are all of One (the Father); for which cause He (Jesus) is not ashamed to call them (us) brethren, Saying, '*I (Jesus) will declare Your Name (the Father's Name) unto My brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will sing praise unto You.*' (Psalm 22:22) And again, '*I will put My trust in Him.*' (Isaiah 8:17) And again, '*Behold I and the children whom God has given Me.*' (Isaiah 8:18) Therefore, since the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same (a flesh and blood human nature); so that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. " (Hebrews 2:5-9-14)

Was-Made-Lower: from the Greek word **elattomenon** which means: was-made-less; from the verb **elattoo** which means: to make less or lower (in nature, rank, or influence); to decrease or lower (in nature, rank, or influence). In context Jesus was made less than angels because He took on the flesh and blood nature of mankind - a human nature that is less than that of angels. And a nature that is far less glorified than what He had in Heaven before being made in the likeness of mankind.

Little: from the Greek word **brachy** which means: short, little, (depending on context - a short time, a short distance, a brief duration, little in quantity size, etc.). In context within Hebrews verse 9: for a little while.

Angels: from the Greek word **angelous** which means: angels; from **angelo** - an angel, a messenger. an envoy, one who is sent. Generally a supernatural messenger from God, conveying news from God to men, or performing requests for God. In context - celestial beings, of whom there are many thousands submitted to Christ.

Thoughts to consider:

1. Jesus made was made lower than angels **because He was made in the likeness and form of mankind.** Consider the following:

"And **the Word (Jesus) was made flesh**, and dwelt among us; and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, existing in the Form of God, thought it not comprehensible to be Equal With God; but emptied Himself, and having taken the Form of a Servant, **being-Made in the Likeness of Men.** ." (Philippians 2:5-6-8)

"...His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, was made of the seed (descendent) of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." (Romans 1:1-4)

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2. Lower than angel attributes may include:

a physical human nature:

- When tired He needed to sleep (Matthew 8:24)
- When hungry He needed to eat (Luke 4:1-4),
- When thirsting He needed to drink (John 19:28).
- To get somewhere He had to walk there like everyone else. (John 11:54)
- When beaten He felt the same pain as any other person would. (John 19:1-3)
- When crucified on the Cross He died a painful human death. (Mark 15:34-39)

a mortal human nature:

"But we do see Jesus, who for a little while, was made lower than the angels **for the suffering of death.**"

"And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, **and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

a less glorified human nature:

He "Emptied Himself (He gave up His Glory that He had in heaven), having taken the Form of a Servant, being-Made in the Likeness of Men." (Philippians 2:5-6-8)

3. This 'Lower than Angels' attribute was brief and temporary - for just a little while, about 33.5 years in the context of His eternal existence.

4. His pre-incarnate glorified nature was restored when He ascended to the Right Hand of the majesty of God Almighty.

"These words spoke Jesus, lifting up His eyes to heaven, and saying, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, so that Your Son may also glorify You. As You have given Him (Jesus the Son) power over all flesh, so that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth: I have finished the work which You gave Me to do. And now, O Father, **glorify Me with Your Own Self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.** I have manifested Your Name unto the men whom You gave to Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me; and they have kept Your word.'" (John 17:1-6)

"God, ... has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He has appointed Heir of All Things, through whom also He made the ages; and who (speaking of Jesus) being the Brightness of His (the Father's) Glory, and the Exact Image of His (the Father's) Person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, He **sat down on the Right Hand of the Majesty on High; being made so much better than the angels**, since He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than them (the angels)." (Hebrews 1:1-4)

"For Christ has not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; **but into heaven itself**, now to appear in the presence of God **for us.**" (Heb. 9:24)

5. In His flesh and blood human nature, Jesus would of had the same 'glory and honor' as His fellow mankind had over 'the works of God's hands' - that is dominion over all other life forms on earth, as it says:

"And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: **and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth**, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, ..." (Genesis 1:26-27) (see above Hebrews 2:7)

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6. Jesus was briefly made lower than angels for a Devine Purpose! Consider the following:

For the suffering of death:

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; so that **He** by the grace of God should taste death for every man." (Hebrews 2:9)

For bringing many sons unto glory – our salvation:

"For it became Him (Jesus), for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons (us) unto glory, to make the Author of Their Salvation (Jesus) perfect through sufferings." (Hebrews 2:10)

For bringing sanctification to His brethren – even us:

"For both He (Jesus) who sanctifies and they (us) who are sanctified are all of One (the Father): for which cause He (Jesus) is not ashamed to call them (us) brethren, saying, 'I will declare Your Name unto My brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will sing praise unto You.'" (Hebrews 2:11-12)

For to destroy the devil, who had the power of death:

"Forasmuch then as the children (us) are partakers of flesh and blood, He (Jesus) also Himself likewise took part of the same (a human flesh and blood nature); that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." (Hebrews 2:14)

For delivering us from the fear and bondage of death:

"And to deliver those (us) who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." (Hebrews 2:15)

For to make propitiation for our sins:

"In all things He (Jesus) had to be made like unto His brethren, so that He might be a Merciful and Faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people (us)." (Hebrews 2:17)

"Therefore, holy brethren (us), partakers of the heavenly calling, **consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus**; who was faithful to Him (the Father) who appointed Him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. For this Man (Jesus) was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who has built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by some man; but He who built all things is God. And Moses truly was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; but Christ was a (faithful) Son (of God) over His own house; whose house we are, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, 'To day if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.'..." (Hebrews 3:1-8)

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He was made lower to taste death for every man !!
He was made lower to be the propitiation for our sins !!
He was made lower to bring us into salvation's Glory !!
He was made lower to for our sanctification !!

Thank You Jesus for becoming like unto us !!
Thank You for transforming into the likeness of Your Holiness !!

Come soon Lord Jesus !!
Amen & Amen !!