### He was Made so Much Better than the Angels

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"Who (Jesus) being the <u>Brightness of His (the Father's) Glory</u>, and the <u>Exact Image of His (the Father's) Substance</u> (i.e. Nature), and <u>Upholding All Things by the Word of His (Jesus) Power</u>, and <u>Having Made Through Himself Purification of Sins</u>, sat down on the Right Hand of the <u>Majesty on High</u>; and <u>being Made so Much Better than the Angels</u>, He (Jesus) <u>has by</u> inheritance obtained a more excellent Name than them (the Angels). For <u>unto which of the angels said He (the Father) at any time</u>, '<u>You are My Son, this day have I begotten You</u>? And again, I will be to Him (Jesus) a Father, <u>and He shall be to Me a Son</u>? (Hebrews 1:3-5)

**Being-Made:** from the Greek word **genomenos** which means: being-made; was-made, having-become, to cause to be, to become, to come into being, to happen. From **gínomai** – properly, to emerge, become, transitioning from one point (realm, condition) to another. The context is that Jesus "<u>was made</u>" by the Father into Someone who is much better in name, attributes, rank. superiority. etc... than the angels..

**So Much:** from the Greek word <u>tosouto</u> which means: <u>so-much</u>, so great, so many, so vast as this. (i.e. in quantity, amount, number, quality, superiority, etc..). The context is that Jesus was made by the Father <u>into Someone</u> who is "<u>so-much</u>" better in name, attributes, rank, superiority. etc... than the angels..

**Better:** from the Greek word <u>*kreitton*</u> which means: better, superior, stronger, more excellent; better because more fully developed, i.e. in reaching the needed dominion, mastery, dominance. The context is that Jesus was made by the Father <u>into Someone</u> who is much "<u>better and superior</u>", in name, attributes, rank. etc... than the angels.

**Angels:** from the Greek word <u>angelon</u> which means: angels; from **aggelos**: an angel, a messenger, generally a (supernatural) messenger from God, an angel, conveying news or orders or commands from God to men. Properly, a messenger or delegate – either human or heavenly (a celestial angel). Someone sent (by God) to proclaim His message. In the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, angels are the host of heavenly spirits that wait upon God, the Creator of the universe, who are sent by Him to earth to execute His purposes. The context is that the angels of God have been made (created) to be of a much lessor rank, and with much less power, strength, abilities, etc.,, than Jesus!

#### **Questions to consider:**

- What are some attributes that have made Jesus better than angels? Can any angels lay claim to <u>any one</u> of the following attributes, names, or titles, of Jesus? Consider the following:

- He is the Brightness of God's Glory, and the Exact Representation of God's Substance: "He (the Father) has appointed (Jesus) Heir of All Things, through whom also He made the worlds; Who being the Brightness of His glory, and the Exact Image of His Substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the Right Hand of the Majesty on High." (Hebrews 1:2-3)

# - He is the Image of the Invisible God, the Firstborn of every creature. Through Him were all things created, and in Him all things consist:

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: <u>who is the</u> <u>Image of the Invisible God</u>, the Firstborn of Every Creature: For in Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are upon earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: <u>all things were created through Him</u>, <u>and for Him</u>; <u>and He is before all things, and in Him all things consist</u>."

#### - He was Conceived by the Holy Spirit of God:

"But while he (Joseph) thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto yourself Mary as your wife; for <u>He who is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit</u>." (Matthew 1:20)

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#### - He is Emmanuel - God with us:

"Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name <u>Emmanuel</u>, which being interpreted is, '<u>God with us</u>.' " (Matthew 1:23) "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

#### - He is Equal with God:

"Who (Jesus), being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God." (Philippians 2:6)

#### - He is the True God:

"And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him (Jesus) who is True, and we are in Him (Jesus) who is True, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the True God, and Eternal Life." (1 John 5:20)

#### - He is the Alpha & Omega, the Beginning and the End (titles of God & Jesus):

"And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. <u>I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End</u>, the First and the Last." (Revelation 22:12-13)(see also Revelation 21:6 in reference to the Father)

#### - He is the Author of Life:

"But you denied the Holy One and the Just One, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and you killed the <u>Author of life</u> (Jesus), whom God has raised from the dead; of which we are witnesses." (Acts 3:14-15)

#### - Seated at the Right Hand of God:

"Therefore seeing we also are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us; looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of Our Faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is <u>seated at the Right Hand of the Throne of God</u>." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

#### - He is the Arm of the Lord:

"Who has believed our report? And to whom is the <u>Arm of the LORD</u> revealed? For He (Jesus) shall grow up before Him (the Father) as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground. He has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief." (Isaiah 53:1-3) (quoted by Jesus in John 12:38)

#### - He is our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace:

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called <u>Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,</u> <u>Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace</u>. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from then onward even forever." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

#### - He is the Way the Truth, and the Life:

"Jesus said unto him, '<u>I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life</u>: <u>no man comes unto the</u> <u>Father, but through Me</u>. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now onward you know Him (the Father), and have seen Him (the Father)." (John 14:6-7)

#### - He is Lord of lords and King of kings:

"These shall make war with the Lamb (Jesus), and the Lamb shall overcome them; for **He is Lord of lords, and King of kings**: and those who are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful." (Revelation 17:14)

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#### - He is the Lamb of God who takes away the Sins of the World:

"The next day John (the Baptist) saw Jesus coming unto him, and he said, 'Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is ranked-before me;' for He was (existed) before me! ' " (John 1:29-30

#### - He is the Savior of The World:

"By this we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given to us His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the <u>Savior of the world</u>. Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in Him, and he in God." (1 John 4:13-15)

<u>The answer is</u> that not one of these descriptive names, titles, and attributes, can be claimed by any of the angels created by God! They are all exclusive names, titles, and attributes of Jesus Himself. In truth, <u>all angels are subject to Christ Jesus</u>; it is as it says:

"Jesus Christ ... has gone into heaven, and is at the Right Hand of God; with <u>angels and</u> <u>authorities and powers being made subject to Him</u>." (1 Peter 3:22)

"And again, when He (the Father) shall bring in the Firstborn (speaking of Jesus) into the world, He says, 'And <u>let all the angels of God worship Him (Jesus)</u>. ' " (Hebrews 1:6)

There are many other names, titles, and attributes, that when considered collectively, prove Jesus to be much much better than any of the angels. Indeed they prove Jesus to be God Himself – incarnate!! See the "List" to view many more names, titles, and attributes of Jesus.

### Jesus has been Made Much Better than the Angels

Jesus has by <u>inheritance</u> obtained a more excellent Name than the Angels! Indeed, all angels, authorities, and powers are subject to Him! Indeed, all angels are instructed by the Father to worship Jesus!

Jesus is superior to angels because He is the True God! Jesus is superior to angels because He is the Brightness of God's Glory! Jesus is superior to angels because He is the Exact Representation of God's Substance! Jesus is superior to angels because He alone is Seated at the Right Hand of God!

> Jesus is superior to angels because He is the Alpha & Omega! Jesus is superior to angels because He is the Beginning and the End! Jesus is superior to angels because He is the First and the Last!

> Jesus, all Worship, and Praise, and Glory be Yours always and always! Jesus, all Power, and Dominion, and Rule, be Yours forever and ever!

> > You are the King of kings! You are the Lord of lords!

You are our Prince of Peace! You are our Everlasting Father! You are our Mighty God! And You are our Wonderful Counselor!

Let us rejoice and be glad and give Glory to God, for He reigns – Hallelujah !!!