Eternal and Victorious

Text: Hebrews 1:10-14 Date: 10-8-23

- 1. Jesus has a more excellent name (Heb. 1:4b-5).
- 2. Jesus is worshipped by the angels (Heb. 1:6).
- 3. Jesus controls the angels (Heb. 1:7)
- 4. Jesus as King has all rights over angels (Heb. 1:8).
- 5. Jesus loves righteousness (Heb. 1:9)

6. Jesus created the angels and has existed before them (Heb. 1:10-12).

Long before angels existed Jesus as God existed. If He existed in the beginning to create, He would have existed prior to the beginning of Creation. This means He has always been. Christ laid the earthly foundations and created the heavens.

In the future Jesus, creator and controller of this universe, will utterly destroy and lay to waste this universe. The One who formed all of this creation has the power and authority to do as He pleases. This is a show of His sovereignty.

Just as when your clothes become old and worn out and you roll them up and then take them to the trash, Jesus will take the universe and do the same thing.

This world may seem like it will continue just the way it is almost like it is permanent. Even in Peter's day that was the case: "and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation" (II Pet. 3:4). But, the earth will and is wearing down. Jesus will take this old worn down earth and the heavens and roll them up like a garment and discard them. Jesus Christ began this universe through Creation and He will end it as we know it through His dispensing of it.

Everything will perish, but He will not. Jesus Christ will continue to exist forever. He is eternal. He is immutable. He doesn't change. His Person, character, and His life continue forever. There simply is no comparison. Our lives are short (Psalm 90) but He is from everlasting to everlasting. He is God. So the earth will end, but the Son's rule will continue forever and along with it true joy (v. 9).

7. Jesus' victories make Him superior to the angels (Heb. 1:13-14).

Psalm 110:1: What did David call the Messiah? Jesus now quotes from Psalm 110:1 where David hears a conversation in which God is speaking to someone who he calls Lord. Who is this? This cannot be David or another human being for the rest of the verse shows that whoever it is will sit at the Lord's right hand.

The LORD (Jehovah) is speaking to my Lord (Adonai) "The phrase 'my Lord' refers to someone who was superior in rank to the author of the psalm; one whom he could address as his superior" (https://biblehub.com/commentaries/barnes/psalms/110.htm).

If David wrote this psalm, it cannot be talking about himself. Rather, this is talking about the Messiah. Jesus links the son of David to David's Lord!

We see then that Christ's work is finished. He is firmly in His place at the right hand of God (1:3) interceding and working on behalf of the saints. But one day He will vanquish His enemies once and for all. The victorious work on the cross will culminate in the victorious overcoming of the enemy.

Jesus Christ will rule from His throne. This is guaranteed to Him and Him alone. This was never granted to any angelic beings.

Just because the Lord Jesus will rule and reign over all including the angels does not mean the angelic ministry will be over. No, instead these angels will minister to saints forever.

Conclusion

Jesus Christ has been proven to be superior to all else in this chapter. He is God, Lord, Son. He is the Sovereign who creates, controls, redeems, intercedes, purges sin, and has completed each task that has been commanded by His Father. He is over the prophets, angels, and the Law. Jesus created the angels, He is eternal, and He lives in victory over His Creation! Jesus is omniscient, eternal, omnipotent, righteous, immutable, and once again superior.