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## WHICH ARE HIGHER, MEN OR ANGELS?

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We have been thinking a good deal recently about both men and angels. With prayer for direction the conclusion reached is, that man is higher in position, honor and privilege than angels. After some thought and research it might be safe before settling down to say something about our first impressions. As the foundations are now being tampered with all about, we do not wish to fall into a Briggsism; neither do we wish blindly, not to comply with what we solemnly promised when ordained, namely, that we would "not follow any divisive courses by complying with the defections," etc.

Our subject, however, conflicts very decidedly with what had been sung and read in the Bible according to the authorized version of King James, long before our day. In just about one score of years more that version will have existed for three hundred years, or since 1610.

The question of our subject is a very important one, though some may think it a quiddity not deserving attention. When we sat down to write it was simply to bring the enquiry to view. But down, we often have but little idea what the trembling mountain will bring forth—a ridiculous mouse or a roaring, rumbling, dashing train of cars with its puffing, smoking engine and screaming whistle. We believe man is higher than angels, because

(1) He was so made at his creation. When this was done, God as the Divine Three in unity, said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Such an image and likeness would, of course, be higher, nearer and more like God than any angel he ever made. So man was made as the Trinity proposed.

Angels were never made so near to God in their creation, neither, were they made with the power of pro-creation, and hence have never increased since made directly by God. Man was so made, and thus through him the habitable earth was to be filled with human beings. So it was that this wonderful world was to be for thousands of years a place; where would be developed the most amazing possibilities and the most gracious and glorious results.

We believe man higher, as appears in connection.

(2) With his being involved in the sin of Adam and its causal and occasioned results.

As to liability everything threatened was deeply felt to be true. But God opened up a way of deliverance out of the estate of sin and misery to those thus involved, by faith in the promised seed, who as the great Redeemer of those the Father gave to Him, would thus bring them into an estate of salvation.

When angels fell and rebelled in heaven there was an entirely different state of things. There was no great plan devised through covenants, promises and oaths. There was no great mystery of God's manifesting himself in the nature of man for redeeming these rebels by his obedience to law, by His suffering and the shedding of blood divine. Nay, verily, the angels thus sinning were driven from their high abode

of light, and were, as Peter says, "Cast down to hell and delivered into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement." There is not anything about all this which shows that angels are higher and more nearly related to God than man. We believe it, because of the divine procedure.

(3) In developing the plan of this salvation. In doing this, the Son of God assumed another nature conjoined with the Divine person only—two natures and one person. Hence, in the epistle of Hebrews it is said, more literally as the Holy Spirit has it: "He taketh not hold of angels, but of the seed of Abraham he taketh hold."

The assumption of humanity by any supposed number of angels, and their being offered as a sacrifice for man's benefit, would have been of no avail to satisfy divine justice, make reconciliation for iniquity, or procure a righteousness that would secure for man acceptance in God's sight. All this, however, and more, was accomplished by God's Son taking hold of the seed of Abraham, thus assuming the nature of man, or taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul. We believe it, because of his being brought

(4) Into a union with Christ and close relationships with God, into which it is not possible for angels to be received.

Of Christ and the individual or the church collectively, it is distinctly stated that they sustain to each other the relation of husband and wife, bride and bridegroom. Hence, Paul says of believers: "Ye are married to another, even to Him who was raised from the dead." Jesus himself assumed Bride and Bridegroom as a title which He bore, and a character he sustained to His chosen ones when he asked His disciples: "Can the children of the bridechamber mourn while the bridegroom is with them? The end and object of the union Paul distinctly announces when he says: "That we should bring forth fruit unto God. Believers are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones, and that he who is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."

Paul draws at length a parallel between the duties of the marriage relation as subsisting among men, and those we owe to Christ, as the husband of the church; and he adds: "This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and his church." Jesus is also the elder brother of believers, and He is not ashamed to call them brethren. Now, is it possible for angels to be received into such a union with Christ and such a close relation with God himself?

Again, the Old Testament Scriptures are just as clear on this point as the New Testament. Indeed, they go more into detail about the duties between God as the husband and His people as His bride and wife. He is never unfaithful; she often is. Hence she is represented as put away for unfaithfulness, as a forsaken and restored wife. There is also a mutual pledging of faithfulness to each other, when to His chosen people He says, "I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness. \* \* \* Thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man; so will I also be for thee."—Hosea 2: 20; 3: 3.

Hence unfaithfulness or defection

from God, in the Scriptures is called adultery.

But more, Isaiah (54: 5) says to God's people: "Thy maker is thine husband. The Lord of hosts is his name," etc.

Here His people are reminded of the Trinity as the Maker of man; and also when it is said, "Remember thy Creator," the Hebrew in each place is plural—Makers, Creators. This should impress those in such relationship with God of the importance of faithfulness, and of the relationship as having been originated by thy Triune God.

It was our desire to assign plain reasons that might be satisfactory about this matter for the people, the readers of the English Bible. What has been written will prepare such for what follows, as four good reasons have been presented, opened and illustrated, if our last argument should be doubted or is unsatisfactory. Finally, we refer the matter, that man is higher than the angels, by appealing

(5) To the umpire—the Hebrew of the Old Testament.

In Psalm 8: 5, it is said, "Thou hast made Him a little lower than the angels." Here the maker is Jehovah, the first Lord of the Psalm, known in the English by being written in capitals; the person made is man. The word for angels in the original is Elohim, which means God. A form of this very word when used of God as the object of worship occurs about two thousand times; but it is nowhere else translated angels. The word correctly translated angels is entirely different in the original. In this great number of references, Robert Young, LL.D., in his Analytical concordance, though he goes all around it in the Psalms, never refers to this Psalm and verse.

We have not the revised version of the Bible by the committees of two continents. They were composed of godly, faithful and learned men, and surely would not overlook a matter so very important. There may be a misprint in our Hebrew Psalm book, but we don't think so. We will rest a little while after such hard but profitable work till we hear from some one who has the revised version.

### Col. Polk Better.

Indications now are that Col. Polk will recover from his serious illness, in Washington City.

### Busted Wide.

A Federal pensioner, living in this county, has been notified that it is impossible to pay until the treasury has something in it with which to pay. If this Federal pensioner lived in the North he might get it now. But really there is no surprise when a little editor become strapped, but it's awful for Uncle Sam to get on par with us.

### Failure First Night.

The Standard learns from a reliable source that it was the purpose of a band to mob Whitley on Tuesday night but their plans miscarried.

Quite a number from Cabarrus had promised to go, but their wives persuaded them not to go and the matter was frustrated for that night. The Standard believes that one of the mobbers is now in Concord, if the insinuating remarks made by a passenger of the noon train, Thursday, mean anything.

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