

- Shadows. The Old Testament points to Jesus. Jesus says the scriptures are about Him.
- 1 Cor. 15:3 - *³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.* – What scriptures? OT
- Example – dwelling in tabernacles in the desert. That's not about camping. That points to Jesus in John 1:14 – The word became flesh and tabernacled among us.
- Author of Hebrews will make his argument for Jesus one step at a time. He started by going to the core of where that original covenant came from. God, via angels.

• **Argument: If Jesus was a man who died, how could He possibly be greater than angels? Fully Human. Vs7 “a little lower than the angels.”**

- In the hierarchy of things you have God, then angels, then people, then animals.

⁵ It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified:

“What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him?”

⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels; (BRACHY - for a short time)

Same word in Luke 22:58- After a short while, Peter is met by someone who says they'd seen him with Jesus and he denies it. Same word.

you crowned them with glory and honor

⁸ and put everything under their feet.” ^{”Psalm 8:4-6}

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them.

- 2 different worlds. World we have now which is perishing and the world to come which is perfect. Here he is referring to the world to come and that angels won't be rulers over it. They won't have dominion over it.
- But then he quotes King David in Psalms with a profound question about how we as apparently insignificant people, created lower than angels in strength and ability and nature by God will be crowned with honor and glory and rule with everything under their feet.
 - They can travel, transform, see God in heaven, more powerful,
- Vs 8 tells us that in the coming kingdom man will rule over the earth.
- But again, He is talking about the world to come, not this one.
- God has not ever promised angels that they will have dominion over the world. Which world? The one that will perish that we are in or the one to come? Neither.

Let's look at who was supposed to have dominion over this world.

- **GENESIS 1:26-31** So we have dominion over the earth, right? Wrong. Vs 8 *Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them.*

- Who currently has dominion over the world? Angels do. Satan is known as the prince of this world.
- If God gave us dominion then how is it that it's now under the rule of Satan and angels?

Genesis 3:17-19 – The earth no longer submits to you.

Angels now rule earth – Eph. 6 *¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

- The argument that Jesus can't be greater than angels because He is fully human is wrong because man was created to have dominion over the earth, not angels.

⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

- We don't currently see the reality of us as humans having dominion over the earth, but we do see Jesus. In him we see the reality of the coming kingdom since He created the way out of the mess we made by sinning.

• **Why was Jesus made lower than angels?**

- So that He could taste death for everyone.
- What brought us from superiority over the earth to having angels rule it. We sinned. What are the wages of sin? Death.
- Do angels die? No. Which is greater, people who die or angels who don't? Angels. So to fix this problem and get people back in dominion over the earth as he was intended, God has to eliminate the results of our sin. He has to eliminate Death.
- Death is the only bullet in the Devil's gun. If he can get you to die before you accept Christ, you are locked in separation from God forever.
- Once you taste death, you are dead. Once you taste poison you are dead. But what if like a king you had someone who tasted your food for you before you ate it and they died instead of you.
- Jesus tasted your death and punishment because unlike you, when He tasted death, he could overcome it.
- The way you defeat Satan is take away his weapon. Death.

¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

- So Jesus is the pioneer (captain) of our salvation perfect through what he suffered.
- He suffered the hell every person deserved in the course of just a few hours; What you and I were supposed to suffer for all eternity

- Once he walked through that path to rightness with God as the pioneer, he blazed a trail, he left the door open to be in the same dominions as Him.
- By that I mean that Jesus became lower than angels because that's the condition of people who sinned, but after dying and conquering death, He is now again raised higher than angels and so will we who follow his coattails.

¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.^[a] ¹² He says,

*"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises."^[b]*

¹³ And again,

"I will put my trust in him."^[c]

And again he says,

"Here am I, and the children God has given me."^[d]

- Jesus never refers to Christians as brothers and sisters until after He is resurrected. He calls them friends, disciples, etc.

Matthew 28:9-10 (Jesus appears to the women after the resurrection)

⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

- We were in slavery not only to sin, but death as well and in Rev 1:18 Jesus says he holds the keys to death and Hades or death and hell.
- Its not for angels that he killed death, but for Abraham's descendants.
- Who are they? Those who believe in the promise of God to accomplish our salvation just like Abraham believed and all who are saved throughout time. One way, One Savior Jesus.

¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them,^[k] fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- He accomplished all this by becoming a little lower than the angels like us.
- Was Jesus temptation real? If He's God, was there really any possibility of Him sinning? If not how could His temptation be legit like ours?
- Here we see that His temptation was real. It was so real that overcoming it caused Him to suffer.