

Hebrews Lesson 7

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Vs 10 “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth...”

- This verse does not contradict Job 26:7 which says, “**He hangeth the earth upon nothing.**”
- The earth is upheld “**by the word of his power**” (vs 3). There is no better foundation.
 - The word of God’s power is so sure that the planetary positions and rotations enable us to measure the times and the seasons since the beginning of creation. It never changes.

11-12 “...They shall perish...”

- Psalm 102:25-27 is the Old Testament source of this quotation.
 - Earth itself will perish, but God will endure (vs 26), and His word shall not pass away (See Matthew 24:35).
 - Psalm 102:28, Those who are in God (His children) also shall not perish.

Vs 13 God told His Son (not any angel), “**Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**”

- A footstool is a very insignificant piece of furniture. The enemies of Christ are not worthy of attention.

Vs 14 Angels are “**ministering spirits,**” ministering to those of us who are “**heirs of salvation.**”

Review of chapter 1:5-14

Vs 5 This verse is taken from Psalm 2:7. Hebrews exalts Christ above the Law and everything else.

- The Law was a schoolmaster to bring men to Christ (Gal. 3:24-25).
 - The law revealed that men cannot be righteous and must look to Christ for salvation.
- **Christ is the Son of God in these respects:**
 - **By actual generation** (birth) when He appeared on earth as God’s man. He was born a Son and He was “of God.” (Matthew 1:20).
 - **By His resurrection.** He claimed to be the Son of God. His resurrection proved it.
 - **By inheritance.** He is the heir of all things.
 - **Eternally.** He has always been the Son of God. This didn’t begin in the manger at Bethlehem.
- **Angels:** The bible tells us what angels look like and what they do. Men go beyond the bible and invent characteristics that are not supported by the bible.
 - Angels don’t have wings. They appear as men (Heb. 13:2, Gen. 19:5).
 - Cherubim are not baby angels.
 - There are no female angels in the bible. Hair color is never mentioned.
 - Angels are not mediators between God and men. This is a Roman Catholic invention.

Vs 8 “Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.”

- The sceptre is joined to the throne and is a symbol of the King’s power.
- It is a “**sceptre of righteousness:**” (Jer. 23:6, Isa 11:5, 1:26, Psa 72:7).
- The Lord is called the Scepter in Numbers 24:17.

Vs 9 "God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

- Messiah's title is "Anointed" (Psa 2:2).
- Kings, Priests, and Prophets were anointed (Psa 1 Sam 10:1, Psa 133:2, 1 Ki 19:16).
- Kings prophesied. Priests prophesied. But kings and prophets were not allowed to enter the office of priest.
- No man was ever Prophet, Priest, and King until Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus' anointing appears in scripture three times (Isa 61:1, Acts 4:27, Acts 10:38).

"...oil of gladness."

- Most Christians view Christ as "**a man of sorrows**" (Isa 53:3).
 - This aspect of Christ refers to Him in Gethsemane and Calvary. He is no longer a man of sorrows.
- **Luke 15:5**, Christ rejoices when sinners are saved. He rejoices to save souls.
- **Luke 10:21**, Jesus rejoices whenever somebody sees truth from His word.
- **Matthew 7:23**, the reason Jesus doesn't sorrow for the lost is because He doesn't know the workers of iniquity. His heart and mind aren't affected by their fate.
- Jesus wants believers to be joyful. The fruit of the spirit is joy... (Gal 5:22).
- Jesus wants us to have the joy that He has (**John 15:11**).
- **Hebrews 12:2**, Jesus endured the cross and despised the shame so that He could enjoy the joy of saving souls and building His church.
- **Song of Solomon 3:11**, The day of Christ's espousals (betrothal, engagement, marriage), is the "**day of the gladness of his heart.**"
 - We are God's children. Christ's Church is His bride. It is expected that there will be joy and happiness in those kinds of relationships.