

## SEVEN SUPERLATIVES ON THE SAVIOR'S SUPERIORITY

**TEXT:** *Heb.1:2,3* God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, 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...

**INTRO.:** A. To maintain a balance in my preaching & teaching I must preach messages & teach lessons which instruct, inspire, reprove, rebuke, encourage, exhort, break & build. Tonite I just want to exalt our Savior! **"Let's just praise the Lord..."**

B. **"Who is this King or glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory." Ps.24:10** Who is this One about Whom we speak in **Seven Superlatives?** Who is this one Who is superior to all others?

**QUOTE:** MacArthur, Hebrews, p.9,10 "Someone has said that Jesus Christ came from the bosom of the Father to the bosom of a woman. He put on humanity that we might put on divinity. He became Son of Man that we might become sons of God. He was born contrary to the laws of nature, lived in poverty, was reared in obscurity, and only once crossed the boundary of the land in which He was born - and that in His childhood. He had no wealth or influence & had neither training or education in the world's schools. His relatives were inconspicuous & unimportant. In infancy He startled a king. In boyhood He puzzled the learned doctors. In manhood He ruled the course of nature. He walked upon the billows & hushed the sea to sleep. He healed the multitudes without medicine & made no charge for His services. He never wrote a book & yet all the libraries of the world could not hold the books about Him. He never wrote a song, yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters together. (*How many songs have you heard about Buddha, Mohammad, Joseph Smith, et.al.?! - P.F.*) He never founded a college, yet all the schools together cannot boast of as many students as He has. He never practiced medicine & yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors have healed broken bodies. This Jesus Christ is the star of astronomy, the rock of geology, the lion & the lamb of zoology, the harmonizer of all discords, and the healer of all diseases. Throughout history great men have come & gone, yet He lives on. Herod could not kill Him. Satan could not seduce Him, Death could not destroy Him & the grave could not hold Him." (*I don't agree with MacArthur on many things but this statement is wonderful and Biblical, unlike his statements on Christ's blood on the cross not capable of saving anyone. - P.F.*)

**TRANS.:** Perhaps no 2 verses of Scripture says as much about Him as the verses of our text which present

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#### I. HIS HEIRSHIP: "Heir"

A. His Father Made Him the Possessor Of All Things:

1. Usually the father must die before the son can become the heir.
2. What the Father did was to diminish so His Son could become all!

**NOTE:** This only means that the focus of man's attention is on the Son, not the Father. The concept of Possessor means rightful owner... **"of all things!"**

B. His Father Made Him the Proprietor of All Things:

1. A proprietor is one w/exclusive rights & the legal title over the property.
2. The property is the universe in this instance!

**Rom.8:16-17** **16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: **17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (KJV)

**NOTE:** We are not joint-Christ's or joint-Lords, but joint heirs. All that He possesses we share in.

#### II. HIS CREATORSHIP: "made the worlds"

**ILLUS.:** p.14, IBID.: Sir John Echols, Nobel laureate in neurophysiology, said in 1968 that the odds against the right combination of circumstances occurring to have evolved intelligent life on earth are about 400 thousand trillion trillion trillion trillion to one!!! Yet millions of men & women believe that somehow man simply beat the odds & evolved into who he is today. Man whose heart beats 800 million times in a lifetime & pumps enough blood to fill a string of tank cars from Boston to New York...whose tiny, cubic half-inch section of brain cells contains all the memories of a lifetime...is thought to be an accident of evolution!

The North Star is four hundred billion miles away, but is still nearby in relation even to known space.

A. Man Says It All Just Happened!

B. God Says His Son Created It All!

### III. HIS BRIGHTNESS: "glory"

A. Christ Is God's Glory:

1. No one can see God; no one ever will...Jesus is "***all the fulness of the Godhead.***
2. The only radiance of God that reaches us is mediated to us from Jesus Christ.

**ILLUS.:** Pink, p.34 Just as the sun was never without & cannot be separated from its brightness, so God was never w/out & cannot be separated from the glory of Christ. Never was God w/out Him or He w/out God. Yet as the brightness of the sun is not the sun, so the brightness of the Savior not the Father. He is fully & absolutely God, yet is a distinct Person.

### IV. HIS BEING: "express image"

A. Equal With God:

**Phil.2:6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (KJV)

1. The word "***image***" is the Greek "eikon" (Eng.: icon) & means exact reproduction.
2. Jesus is the personal, perfect imprint of God in time & space.

### V. HIS ADMINISTRATION: "upholding"

A. His Dignity Is Revealed in His Heirship.

B. His Dominion Is Revealed in His Administration:

1. The word "***upholding***" means to support or carry.
2. Jesus sustains w/out effort or work the entire universe...by His Word alone!

### VI. HIS EXPIATION: "purged our sins"

A. His Greatest Work:

1. The Bible presents His work of expiation on the cross as greater than creation or upholding the universe.
2. It is the focus & central theme of His Word.

- a. The word "***expiate***" means to make satisfaction for, to atone.
- b. He is both the priest, the altar, & the sacrifice!
- c. His atonement for us is a past event - never to be repeated. "***purged our sins***"

### VII. HIS EXALTATION: "sat down"

A. He Sat Down to Rest: (because His work of redemption was finished)

B. He Sat Down to Intercede: (His ongoing ministry)

**Hebrews 7:25** Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (KJV)

**Rom.8:34** Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. (KJV)

C. He Sat Down to Reign:

**I Pet.3:22** Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him. (KJV)

D. He Sat Down to Receive Honor:

**Phil.2:10-11** 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (KJV)

**CONCL.:** These **SEVEN SUPERLATIVES ON THE SAVIOR'S SUPERIORITY** are only those contained in these **2 verses** of Scripture. There are countless others. Eternity will be insufficient to reveal all He is & has done. "***O' Come Let Us Adore Him...***"

**NOTE:** It is rare that I place "KJV" or "KJB" to identify the source of the Scripture I am quoting or citing because I only use the King James Bible unless I want to point out the errors in the other English versions of the Bible.

