

Sermon Outlines
Meditations On The Preeminence Of The Lord - Part 2

Readings

Colossians 1:18
Hebrews 1:1-13
1 Peter 3:22

Introduction

In the first sermon outline on this subject there was observed aspects in which the Lord is preeminent, such as in administration, manifestation, attraction, and exaltation. In this sermon outline some of them will be considered.

He Is Preeminent In That:

- 1) Christ has been given a more excellent name than any angels by:
 - a) That which God has said to Him, "Thou art my Son" (Heb. 1:5).
 - b) By the decree of God, "At the Name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and tongue confess" (Phil. 2:10-11).
- 2) Christ is preeminent in His manifestation of God and the Father.
 - a) The Lord was the full and perfect manifestation:
 - i) Of God:
 1. For He alone was the image (eikōn, Col. 1:15) and character (charaktēr, Heb. 1:3) of God.
 2. In abilities and excellencies (Heb. 1:2-3).
 3. Declared Him (showed Him forth) (Jn. 1:18).
 4. Declared His name (Jn. 17:26) which is another way of saying it indicates the full manifestation of that which God is (Jn 1:18).
 - ii) Of the Father, for He alone could say, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9).
 - 3) Christ is preeminent in the unparalleled proclamations of God.
 - a) "I will make Him my Firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth" (Psa. 89:27).
 - b) "Let all the angels of God worship Him" (Heb. 1:6).
 - 4) Christ is preeminent in His power and priestly preservation.
 - a) It has been said that Moses was never a priest, however, Psalm 99:6 certainly indicates otherwise. He did intercede for the people on several occasions but unlike Christ our High Priest, Moses died. Christ lives in the power of an endless life (Heb. 7:16) and is alive for evermore (Rev. 1:18). Therefore, He has the power to keep us (2 Thess. 3:3; Heb. 7:25; Jude v.24).
 - b) When speaking to Jeremiah, God named four great intercessors of whom one was Moses. Yet God said, "Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people; cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth." (Jer. 15:1). Thank God we have a priest, and such is our inheritance in Him that God will never tell Him not to pray for us.
 - i) "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" (Heb. 7:25).
 - ii) To Israel He said that when they were little lambs, He carried them in His bosom (Isa. 40:11) and would until hoary hair was upon them (Isa. 46:4). Thank God He will do the same for us.
 - 5) Christ is preeminent in the responsibility given to Him, for He alone has the right:
 - a) To judge the churches (Rev. 2:1- 3:22)
 - b) To judge the world (Acts 17:31)
 - c) To judge the unsaved without them dying (Rev. 19:20) or after death (Rev. 20:11-15)
 - d) To judge believers (Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10)

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Why Would God Decree Such Eminence For Him?

In ancient times God declared a principle, “Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith . . . them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed” (1 Sam. 2:30), and that was how the life of the Lord was lived. He alone could say, “I have glorified Thee on the earth” (Jn. 17:4). That was the goal He had in life and He did so in word and deed. True servant character (Phil. 2:6-7). In so doing:

- a) He defeated the devil (Matt. 4:1-10; Heb. 2:14)
- b) He defeated the power of death (Rev. 1:18; Heb. 2:14)
- c) He overcame the world (Jn. 16:33)
- d) He arose and became the first man to rise from the dead never to die again (Col. 1:18)

Concluding Thoughts

Christ has a preeminence which defies every measurement man can comprehend. His virtues in every perfection far exceed all human estimations, for He alone is worthy of all preeminence in every sphere, in this world and the next.

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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