

An Attempt To Listen To God

Musings on Our Lord

No. 1

His Preeminence

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In the consideration of our Lord it is readily discovered that many titles, names and distinguished terms are used of Him. These are not given just for the sake of variety but are the focus points for developing truths concerning Him. On this thought level every title or name is within its own context and thus has a relevance to that context.

However, each also has a relevance to:

- a) His ability for revealing the Father or God.
- b) His sufficiency of His resources and sole qualifications for providing salvation.
 - i) If one considers the damage sin has done, He alone:
 1. Has the power to emancipate from the power of sin.
 2. Has the resources to redeem from the slavery of sin.
 3. Has the ability to give peace in the darkest of storms.
- c) His superiority of High Priest and Advocate for keeping those who are His redeemed.
- d) His sovereign supremacy over every foe.

It is irrelevant which positional designation or acknowledged ability or moral superlativeness is given Him. Paul, the Spirit taught philosopher, was perfectly correct when He declared that: "In all things He must have preeminence" (Col. 1:18). Within that context He is manifested as the ultimate in creation and is unfailing and unequalled in the providing of salvation.

In the perusing of the scriptures the man "Christ Jesus" is undismayed by the demonic forces opposed to Him for His abilities are such that He is both controller of all circumstances and conqueror of all defiances. In excellencies He offers:

- a) Life abundantly. (Jn. 10:10)
- b) Joy in its fulness. (Psa. 16:11)
- c) Pleasures which are eternal. (Psa. 16:11)
- d) Grace that is sufficient. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- e) Pardon unequalled. (Mic. 7:18)
- f) Mercy that is plenteous. (Psa. 86:5)

In the Revelation some of the avenues of His preeminence are:

- a) His perennial resurrected life. (ch. 1)
- b) His priestly diagnosis as He walks among the churches. (chs. 2-3)
- c) His resplendence as Redeemer. (ch. 5)
- d) His authoritative adjudication. (ch. 20)

Isaac Watts was a man of very weak constitution and as another wrote of him, he knew little of sleep except such as could be obtained by medication. It was during the hours of daylight and at night when insomnia plagued him. He mused on Christ and wrote hymns such as: "When I survey the wondrous cross"; "Joy to the world the Lord is come"; and "From all that dwell below the skies". However, within our context the first verse of the hymn "Join all the glorious names", sums up this theme.

Join all the glorious names, Of wisdom, love, and power.
That mortals ever knew, that angels ever bore
All are too mean, to speak His worth
Too mean to set our Saviour forth.

**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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