

INTRODUCTION

1. What does it mean to be a *son of the Most High* [Lk 6:35]? Love enemies; position of rule [Ps 82:6]. Powers & principalities - angelic realm.
2. A *son of the Most High* is given a position of rule; authority.

1st: Sons of the Most High are Positioned in Christ

1. Eph 1:3 in the heavenly places in Christ
2. Salvation in Christ by grace thru faith [v4-15]
3. Paul prays that we will grasp the glory of our privilege - v16-23
4. We were dead, subject to *prince of air*, under wrath, *But God!* - 2:4-7
 - i. Embraced in Father's love in Christ - v6 *seated w/ Christ in heavenly places*. On what does Christ "sit"? Throne. Where? *heavenly places*
 - ii. When will glory be seen? *in ages to come - surpassing riches*

2nd: Sons of the Most High are Positioned in Christ Over Creation

1. Ps 8:3-9 - v5 *a little lower than elohim* - fnt: angels; NASB - *God*.
2. Adam's position/authority re: angels.
3. v5 - *crowned* & v6 given rule. king, royalty
4. Adam's "Dominion Mandate" [Gn 1] & prophecy of Jesus in new creation. 1C 15:27 quotes Ps 8:6 fulfilled at conclusion of Jesus' mediatorial reign
5. Prophesied in Ps 110:1 re: the Melchizedek Priest-King: Jesus.
6. Creation & redemption merge to display the glory of Jesus Christ.

3rd: Sons of the Most High are Positioned in Christ Over Creation and Angels

1. Hb 2:5-8b v5 - *the world to come*: res'd cosmos: that world is not *subjected* [placed beneath the rule, gov't] *to angels* - but to Man
2. cites Ps 8 - Adam = picture of Jesus; 1:13 cites Ps 110 - subjection [v5, v8].
3. v7 *for a little while* - "a small degree" or "a short time".
4. v8c,9 *not yet*: time. History has seen Jesus suffer. We, by faith, see Him *crowned w/ glory* [Ps 8:5] & will see *all thgs subjected* at end of age.
5. v10 Jesus is sovereign Creator & Lord, whose suffering was *fitting* so as to bring *sons [of the Most High] to glory*: [v11-13] His *brethren / children* .
6. v16 [v14 - incarnation] to deliver us from death: not given to angels
7. As Jesus - *for a little while*, so too, we - for a little while. [1C 6:3; Hb 1:14]

8. We are speaking of *the world to come* - but already we are *sons of Most Hi*

Applic #1: We Exercise the Privileges of Our Privileged Position in Worship.

- 01. Eph - review 1:3ff; 2:6 - Col 3:1.
2. How do we exercise *in the heavenly places* privilege? Eph 2:18 - *access*
 - i. Worship - rights of children of God.
 - ii. God's purpose for creation experienced in worship - Eph 3:8-12
3. In worship we express & experience our salvation. When you come to worship - worship! Draw near by faith in Christ - you have access!

Applic #2: We Display Our Privileged Position in Service

1. Officials wear uniform: Jn 13:1-5. Culminating mission: uniform of servant Jesus exemplifies inversions of the kingdom: Mrk 9:35.
2. Jn 13:12-17 Jesus [servant] is *Teacher & Lord*. How do we identify *sons of Most High* in this present age? Their uniform: servants in the kingdom.
3. It was His hour to depart - made *for a little while lower* than the angels.
 - i. 2 C 4:17 *momentary*; 1 Pt 5:10 *suffered for a little while*
 - ii. Hugh Martin, The Abiding Presence, p.179-180 on Col 1:27 *Christ in you the hope of glory*.
4. May we live in Christ - serving, suffering for righteousness & suffering righteously - as sons of God Most High. AMEN