

Hebrews 1:4-14

Messiah the King

We come this morning to the meat of the first chapter, here the writer is establishing the fact that the rule of Messiah the Son, is the rule of Messiah the KING. The King is God made flesh and is in His **nature** and **office** superior to angels, the highest of created beings, and His RULE is superior to all others as well. Being the end for which God (in Christ) created the worlds.

I. **SCRIPTURE THE BEST INTERPRETER OF SCRIPTURE**

The example is shown here of using scripture to enhance, explain and understand other scripture. This is almost as an aside before we get into the meat of the passage; but it is something that will help you, as you take your responsibility to be an interpreter of Scripture seriously. John Owen points out that there is a fundamental habit and practice all Christians should make part of their

Bible Study. No one scripture alone tells the whole story. Avoid any teacher who tries to tell you that "this one thing" is the key to the understanding of all scripture. That this text (whatever it may be) is "the key to the Bible". No scripture should ever be ripped kicking and screaming out of its context and forced to be a keyhole through which the rest of the Bible is forced. It disfigures the whole and makes them all twisted.

A. See - when scripture is quoted, it is there for a reason. Know where it comes from, know the context of what it is saying, understand why it is there.

i. **Psalm 45:6-7**

ii. **Psalm 102:25-27**

iii. **Psalm 110.1**
Matthew 22.44
Hebrews 1.3

- B. Pay special attention unto - that message from the OT is part of the message in the new. Hear the voice of the Lord and understand that God has taken special pains to tell you this thing.
- C. Mimic - get into the habit of checking cross references, build your own library of them, think on the whole context of scripture

II. THE RULE OF MESSIAH CHRIST ESTABLISHED AT HIS BIRTH

A. In His Role

- i. Christ is Son
- ii. Angels are ministers
 - a) To God
 - b) To those who will inherit salvation

B. In His Reign

- i. The Throne of God
- ii. Eternal
- iii. Glorious

C. In His Character

- i. Loves Righteousness
- ii. Hates Lawlessness
- iii. Is Glad in the delight of God

III. HIS PERSON IS ETERNAL DESPITE THE TEMPORAL VISITATION

A. He laid the foundation of the earth

B. The heavens are His work

- C. He will outlast them and preside over their end
- D. He is changeless
- E. He will never end

IV. HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

- A. Finished work
- B. Upheld and stable work
 - i. Anointed for the task –
Isaiah 11.3-4
 - ii. Supplied with wisdom –
Colossians 2.3
 - iii. Righteous in all His rule –
1 John 5.1-5
 - a) Commands not burdensome but honoring to God

b) pleasing, being suited to the new nature given to us

c) Easy since He supplies all of our needs

d) Profitable to all of His creation because they are in accord with God's perfect and eternal law

C. Enemies under His feet

D. Giving the promised inheritance to the chosen children

V. THIS IS ALL BORN OF GOD'S ETERNAL COVENANT

A. God is the author

B. Christ is the mediator

C. The Spirit is the Guarantor

- D. We are the final recipients of all His grace and glory
- E. We are created and called to display and to spread that grace and glory.