

Chapter 18

Jesus name is the same as his Father's

"When He had by Himself purged our sins, [He] sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they" (Hebrews 1:3,4).

When did He sit down on the right hand of God? Long ago--when He arose from the dead and went to heaven, nineteen hundred years ago. But notice, He had purged our sins before He sat down there. Are you glad that He purged your sins so long ago as that? In Him it is. In Him we find it. Let us thank Him it is so.

There is the contrast between Christ and the angels. Where is Christ? Where God is, with the angels worshipping Him. The Father calls Him

God. "He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name" than the angels. You and I have a name that we have by inheritance. That is our father's name. We have that name just as soon as we exist. It belongs to us by nature. The Lord Jesus has "by inheritance" obtained His name, "God." That name belongs to Him by nature. He was not something else, and then named that to make Him that; but He was that, and was called God, because He is God. [1]

The Father was pleased that His Son should be the express image of His Person, the brightness of His glory, and filled with all the fullness of the Godhead. So He has "life in Himself." He possesses immortality in His own right, and can confer immortality upon others." [2]

"Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25)

Notes:

Jones, General Conference Bulletin, 1895, p. 219.

Waggoner, Christ and His Righteousness, p. 22.