

“I wonder what sort of tale we have fallen into?”

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Two Towers*, p. 321

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

Hebrews 1:5-14

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Hebrews 1:13 And to which of the angels has he ever said,

The royal status of Jesus - vs. 5-7

The everlasting reign of Jesus - vs. 8-9

The sovereign power of Jesus - vs. 10-12

The ultimate victory of Jesus - vs. 13

Extra statement about the angels
and those whom Jesus has saved - vs. 14

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Psalm 2:7

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me,
"You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Romans 1:4

and [he] was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 13:32-33

And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, "'You are my Son, today I have begotten you.'

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1 Chronicles 17:11-14

When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹²He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. ¹³*I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.* I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, [King Saul] ¹⁴but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.'"

Hebrews 1:6

[Quoting Deuteronomy 32:43a – Septuagint version]

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world,
he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

Psalm 89:27

And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.

Hebrews 1:7

Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

Psalm 104:1-4

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty, ²covering yourself
with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a
tent. ³He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes
the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; ⁴he
makes his messengers ("angel" means "messenger") winds, his
ministers a flaming fire.

Hebrews 1:8-9 [Quoting Psalm 45:6-7]

But of the Son he [God the Father through the writer of Psalm 45] says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

Eternity belongs to you, O Lord, so surely you can neither be ignorant of what I am telling you, nor view what happens in time as though you were conditioned by time yourself?

Why then am I relating all this to you at such length? Certainly not in order to inform you. I do it to arouse my own loving devotion toward you, and that of my readers, so that together we may declare, Great is the Lord, and exceedingly worthy of praise. ...

For what is time? Who could find any quick or easy answer to that? Who could even grasp it in his thought clearly enough to put the matter into words? ... How deep is that mystery hidden in the secret recesses of your being, O Lord, my God! ...

It could be said with certainty that if there is anywhere a person whose mind is so richly endowed, whose knowledge and foresight are so vast, that he knows all past and all future things in the same way that I know a song that is very familiar to me, such a mind is wonderful, so amazing as to fill us with awe, ... Far, far more wonderful is your mode of knowing, and far more mysterious.

Let anyone who understands this praise you, and anyone who does not understand it praise you no less. Oh, how high and glorious you are, who make the humble-hearted your home!

Saint Augustine, *The Confessions*, Boulding Translation, Book XI, Time and Eternity

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Hebrews 12:2

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Hebrews 1:10-12 [Quoting Psalm 102:25-27]

And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;
¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹²like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

Numbers 23:19

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights, with whom
there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Hebrews 1:13

And to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

Luke 1:19

And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel.
I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to
speak to you and to bring you this good news.

Psalm 110:1

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."

Mark 12:35-36

And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'"

Hebrews 1:14

Are they [the angels] not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

