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*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* 2 Timothy 3:16

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## ANGELS — THEIR ORIGIN

There are many theories concerning angels. Many false doctrines are taught relative to angels. All that I know about angels is found in God's Word.

In a conversation between Job and the Lord as recorded in Job 38:1-11 we find that **"the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy"** when the foundations of the earth were laid and fastened and the corner stone thereof was laid. The **"sons of God"** who **"shouted for joy"** were probably angels. They existed, it seems, **before** man was created!

What are **angels**? According to WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY an **angel** is **"a spiritual, celestial being, superior to man in power and intelligence."** There seems to be different orders of angels: Seraphim, cherubim, angels, arch-angels, etc.

**Angels were created by the Lord before He made man!** A study of the following Scriptures will show that such is the case.

1. Psalms 33:6 — **"By the world of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."** NOTE: Angels may be included in **"all the host of"** the heavens. They were **made** by the breath of the

Lord's mouth!

2. Nehemiah 9:6 — **"Thou, even thou, art God alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee."** NOTE: The **"heaven of heavens, with all their host"** would, no doubt, include **angels**.

3. Psalms 148:25 — **"Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created."** NOTE: From this passage we see that **angels** along with all these other things were created by the Lord's command!

4. Colossians 1:16 — **"For by him (Christ the Son of God — CRS) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are on the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things**

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### *Editorial . . .*

## OUR PLEA (No. 2)

In our study last month we began a consideration of the purpose and plea of Christians. We discussed the fact that **we are pleading for men to go back to the Bible.** Let us continue our study of **the plea of Christians.**

### AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

II. CHRISTIANS ARE PLEADING FOR MEN TO ACCEPT THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST! During His personal ministry on earth Jesus declared: “. . . **The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**” (John 6:63). On the mountain of transfiguration the voice from heaven proclaimed: “. . . **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**” (Mt. 17:5). After his resurrection but before his ascension, Jesus said: “. . . **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**” (Mt. 28:18). The apostle Peter mentioned the fact that Jesus Christ “. . . **is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.**” (1 Pet. 3:22).

After discussing the sacrifice that Jesus made in coming to earth as a man, Paul declared: “**Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name**

**which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**” (Phil. 2:9-11).

God raised Christ from the dead and set Him at his own right hand far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And “**put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**” (Cf. Ep. 1:20-23). Also see Col. 1:18.

The fact that Christ is LORD and is the HEAD of the church certainly indicates that He has ALL AUTHORITY! That leaves NO inherent AUTHORITY for any man, group of men or any organization of any kind!

In the last day Jesus Christ will be our judge and His Word will be the standard of judgment! Read the following passages:

1. John 5:22 — “**For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.**”

2. John 12:48 — “**He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**”

The apostle Peter showed that Christ is AUTHORITATIVE when he declared: “**For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to**

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pass, that every soul which will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed from among the people." (Acts 3:22-23).

Since Jesus Christ has ALL authority as our LORD, HE has the right to tell us what to think, what to believe and what to do as His servants that we might please Him and glorify the Father which is in heaven!

We sincerely plead with YOU to accept the authority of Christ in ALL matters!

### FAITH IN CHRIST

III. CHRISTIANS ARE PLEADING FOR MEN TO HAVE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST! Without faith it is impossible to please God according to Hebrews 11:6. One must believe that God is, and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him. A study of the following passages will show the importance of faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ.

1. John 3:16 — "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (Also see 3:18; 3:36; 5:24; 8:24, 21 & 20:30-31).

2. Acts 16:31 — "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

3. Romans 5:1 — "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Also study Romans 10:8-18).

4. Gal. 3:26 — "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

5. Acts 13:39 — "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

6. James 2:24 — "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." (See also Gal. 5:6).

7. 2 Cor. 5:7 — "(For we walk by faith, not by sight)."

8. 1 John 5:5 — "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" Verse 4 — "...and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

9. Eph. 2:8 — "For by grace are ye saved through faith; ..."

How does a person receive faith? The apostle Paul tells us how faith comes. He declared: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Rom. 10:17).

It is by Christ that "we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Rom. 5:2).

In view of the importance of faith we are sincerely pleading for men to have faith in God and in Jesus Christ as the Son of God!

### OBEY CHRIST

IV. CHRISTIANS ARE PLEADING FOR MEN TO OBEY CHRIST! Although faith is essential to salvation, faith ALONE is not sufficient! Cf. James 2:24; Gal. 5:6; James 2:14-17; Matthew 7:21-23; John 14:15; 15:14; Rom. 6:17-18; Heb. 5:809; James 1:21-22; 1 John 5:3; Rev. 22:14; Luke 6:46 & 2 Thess. 1:6-10..

Have you obeyed the first principles of the gospel of Christ? Cf. Mk. 16:15-16; Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30; 3:19; 2:38; Rom. 10:9-10 & Gal. 3: 26-27.

Are you obeying Christ as a child of God? Cf. John 4:24; Heb. 10:25; Tit. 2:11-12; Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58.

We plead with you to obey Christ.  
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things were created by him, and for him.” NOTE: Without question, the passage teaches that “all things . . .” were created by Christ the Son of God!

5. John 1:1-3 — “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” NOTE: Since all things were made by the Word (which was made flesh and dwelt among us — verse 14) this would include angels!

The Scriptures are clear. **Angels were created by God through Christ the Son!** (Cf. Eph. 3:9). (CRS)

## PEACE — A BLESSING

A study of the following passages should impress upon us the great blessing of “peace” that is available for the children of God.

1. Romans 5:1 — “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2. Romans 8:6 — “. . . To be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

3. Colossians 3:15 — “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts. . .”

4. Phi. 4:6-7 — “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

We should **not** allow problems, troubles and trials to cause us to lose sight of “the peace of God . . .” (CRS)

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### — SENTENCE SERMONS —

When at a loss for the right word to say, try silence.

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Rumor is one thing that gets thicker as you spread it.

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The religion that costs nothing is worth nothing.

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The more we grow up, the less we blow up.

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