

Lenten Devotional Reflection

9th March, 2020 (Lent Day Eleven)

Scripture: Hebrews 1 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestor in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." ⁸But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter 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." ¹⁰And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; ¹²like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." ¹³But to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? ¹⁴Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Message

Amid the sudden outbreak of coronavirus disease, people may easily feel helpless, confused, sorrowful, exhausted and angry. This is because our daily routines are seriously affected. Yet, if we are willing to slow down our pace and explore again

how we face life, illness and death, we may discover completely new horizons and dimensions.

In chapter one of Hebrews, the writer mentions about the holy and superior identity of God's son. It is extremely painful when we recall how Jesus went through suffering and death. However, His resurrection reveals how complete God's salvation is. Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets, and in the last days He has also spoken to us. God's son is more superior to angels, He is the heir all things, and the reflection God's glory. He sustains all things, and makes purification for sins. He is revealing God's eternal kingdom. He has loved righteousness and hated evil. He is always upright and rejoiced, heaven and earth will change, but He remains.

Therefore, even the world we are in today is full of challenges, if we put faith in Jesus Christ, and let our lives be converted and transformed, we will find our strength renewed. In the eternity of God's Kingdom, we can be released from the bondage of external disturbance, and our hearts can feel the blessings that come from heaven.

Reflection

1. What, and who, are the most precious to you? Can you see the presence of God there?
2. There is abundant grace in God's eternal Kingdom. How would you work with the Lord, let others see the glory of God, and experience life with hope and blessings?

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