

THE GLORY OF THE SON OF GOD

Hebrews 1:26-c

I. History is His story.A. We see his glory in the end of all history: "He is appointed heir of all things."

1. God promised Abraham that His seed should be the heir.
2. Son of David - Ps. 2 - "Asking of me, & I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost ends of the earth for thy possession."
3. Angel said to Mary - "The Lord shall give unto him the throne of His father David."
"power over all flesh" Him.
4. The whole human race is given to Him.
5. A chosen portion his in a special sense.
6. The Church is His inheritance.
7. The material creation is His.
8. He has power even under the earth, in the abyss - Hell.
9. We are joint-heirs with Him.

B. We see His glory in the beginning of all history: "In him God made the ages."Specimen
in
Evolution

1. Creation is the work of the triune God.
2. Christ is the creator, not only of space but of time; not only of matter, but of all the cycles, dispensations, ages, to come.

C. We see His glory before all history:

"He is the brightness of His glory, the express image of His person."

1. He is eternal - uncreated.
2. ἀπαύλατος, gr. = brightness, effulgence, occurs only in this passage in Bible.
3. Resplendent outshining of the essential glory of God, like the splendor of the sun.
4. inappreciable, infinite light.
5. Glory of God between the cherubim - Selahod.
6. He is the character of his substance - seal leaves full impression on wax.

7. Teaches us Christ is (1) the same essence with the Father, (2) a distinct person from the Father, (3) eternal with the Father.

D. We see his glory throughout all history.
"Upholding all things by the word of his power."

1. He is sovereign Lord as well as almighty Creator.
2. He sustains the Universe by His providence.
3. The reason why God in patience and long-suffering continues the ages, delays judgment, and sends forth the gracious and life-sustaining influences of His Spirit to avert the progress of decay and disintegration rooted in by sin, is that Jesus the Lord is the restorer and provident sustainer, upholding the universe by the word of his power.

4. The whole universe centers in Christ

II. Why Did this Glorious Christ Come to this earth?

- A. Not just to shine, or show his majesty.
- B. He came to purge our sins.
- C. The Defilement of sin brought him down from Heaven.
- D. Our loathsome Agency of sin must be purged.
- E. The words "by himself" clearly indicate the manner & method & power of this purification.
- F. He is himself the priest, the sacrifice altar, etc.
- G. The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 Jno. 1:7

III. We see his exaltation and future glory revealed when he "sat down on the rt. hand of the maj. on high."

- A. Completion of finished work
- B. acceptance by the Father in place of greatest eminence
- C. He is the mediatorial King - as well as prophet and priest
- D. He descended as the son of God; He ascended as the son of God incarnate - not He came.
- E. He is our exalted brother - we are raised to be seated with him in heavenly places.

Definition of Soc:

m. Comte: "the continuous resultant of all the forces capable of voluntarily concurring in the universal perfecting of the world."

Spencer's Definition of Evolution: "a change from an indefinite, incoherent homogeneity to a definite, coherent heterogeneity through continuous differentiations and integrations."

which means in every-day English:

"Evolution is a change from a somehowish and untalkaboutable all-alikeness to a somehowish and in general talkaboutable not-all-alikeness, by continuous something elseifications and sticktogetherations."

So as someone said about the atheist college in Russia, as I am saying that if there is a newspaper in heaven, I shall expect to read all about evolution in the comic strip.

For Spencer as to use his great mind is "like an Eagle stooping to catch flies."