

You are My Son

Heb 1:5-6

5For to which of the angels did He ever say,

"*YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU*"?

And again,

"*I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM
AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME*"?

6And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

"*AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.*"

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5At no time has God spoken to any angel, saying, "You are my Son! I have begotten you today." Again, "I will be a Father to him, and he will be a Son to me." **6**Again, when he brought the firstborn into the world, he said, "Let all the angels of God worship him."

"The Everlasting Gospel",

Heb 1:5-6

5Did God ever say to an angel, "You're my Son; today I celebrate you"? Or, "I'm his Father, he's my Son"? **6**When he presents his honored Son to the world, he says, "All angels must worship him."

THE MESSAGE:

Heb 1:5

5For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;

Today I have become your Father"?

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1) When did Jesus become God's Son?

- a) Hebrews 1:5 in the NIV states "today I have become your Father"
 - i) Wouldn't this seem to indicate that there was a place in time when Jesus Christ became the Son of God?
 - ii) Yet didn't they exist in eternity together?
 - iii) If there was a time when Jesus "became" the Son of God what was their relationship to one another in eternity before this event took place?
- b) There are many verses in the Bible that seem to indicate the type of relationship that they had together in eternity

Jn 1:1

1:1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

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Heb 7:3

3Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.

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- i) If Jesus is the same “yesterday, today and forever” as it says in Hebrews 13:8, is there any time that He was different in relationship with the Father of Glory?
- ii) If this were the case how is it that we could consider Him the same with respect to that relationship – isn’t the statement in Hebrews a statement of eternity?
- iii) To say that He is the same “yesterday, today, and forever” is to simply say that He doesn’t change

2) Jesus has always been God’s Son

- a) There has never been a time when Jesus actually “became” God’s Son
 - i) They have existed in relationship eternally as Father and Son
 - ii) Yet the writer of Hebrews penned “You are my Son – today I have become your Father?”
- b) This phrase has caused some confusion – there are those who have tried to argue that when the bible states that Jesus Christ is the “only begotten of the Father” that must have meant that He was created by the Father as well and was not eternally God
 - i) This is the primary reason for the council of Nicea in 325
 - ii) The early church refused to believe that although the phrase “only begotten” may not be understood completely, it certainly did not mean that Jesus Christ had a beginning
 - iii) We hear the determination of the council of 325 AD in its famous creed...

“We believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father, the only-begotten; that is, of the essence of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being one in substance with the Father...”

That is the original form of the Nicene Creed that was later modified at the Council of Constantinople in 381

- c) So if Jesus Christ has always been God eternally – and existed in relationship with the Father eternally as His Son what was the writer of the Hebrews talking about?

3) The coronation of the Great King

- a) Hebrews 1:5 is a quotation of Psalm 2, verse 7

Ps 2:1-8

Why are the nations in an uproar And the peoples devising a vain thing?

2The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us tear their fetters apart and
cast away their cords from us!"

4He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.

5Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying,

6"But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain."

7"I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, '**You are My Son, today I have begotten You.** **8**'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

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b) Psalm 2 is a royal Psalm

- i) Psalm 2, verse 7, is where the Davidic king of Israel is confirmed to be a royal son of God at his enthronement
- ii) We hear in this verse the covenant that God struck with David

2Sa 7:11-14

11and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders **a** over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

12When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13**He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **1**

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c) It is this covenant that is in view in Psalm 2

- i) Certainly to David who so desired to build the house where the Lord's presence would dwell this promise from God meant a great deal
- ii) The covenant spoke firstly of David's son Solomon – we know this because of verses 14-15

2Sa 7:14-15

14I will be his father, and he will be my son. **When he does wrong**, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. **15**But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

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- iii) The phrase "when he does wrong" shows us that it spoke of Solomon, because Jesus Christ was sinless
 - iv) Yet in verse 13 and also 17 the Lord promised that His kingdom would endure forever – this looked forward to David's promised descendant the Lord Jesus – For Jesus was the final son of David after the flesh
- d) Psalm 2 shows us the coronation of a King – the promised Messiah
- i) It is the coronation of the Messiah we have in view in Hebrews 1:5 – the declaration of the Son

- ii) When Paul addressed the assembly of the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch in Acts 13 he declared...

Ac 13:29-33

29When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. **30**But God raised him from the dead, **31**and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. **32**"We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers **33**he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

"You are my Son;
Today I have become your Father.'
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- e) Jesus Christ was the Son of God eternal in that relationship – a relationship that had no beginning and will have no end... listen to the words of Jesus Himself

Jn 17:5

5And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.
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- i) He was the God of God and the Light of Light as the nicean creed had confessed
- ii) Yet He was declared to be the royal one that was promised at His baptism...

Mt 3:17

17And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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- iii) He was declared to be the royal one that was promised at His transfiguration...

Mt. 17:5

5While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

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- iv) He was declared to be the royal one that was promised at His resurrection...

Ro 1:3-4

3regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, **4**and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. NIV

- v) Here at the resurrection of Christ He was openly declared to be the royal Son that had been promised in covenant to David in 2 Samuel 7 – the eternal Son of David who's Kingdom will never end
- vi) The one enthroned at the right hand of God as Hebrews 1:3 declares...

Heb 1:1-3

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. ²But now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he made the universe and everything in it. ³The Son reflects God's own glory, and everything about him represents God exactly. He sustains the universe by the mighty power of his command. After he died to cleanse us from the stain of sin, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God of heaven.

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The Lord of Glory has been enthroned – Hallelujah!