

The Superior Message

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In days gone by, God spoke in many and varied ways to our ancestors through the prophets. But now God has spoken to us through the Son.

God appointed this Son as heir to all things;
through him all things were created and are sustained.
He is the radiant reflection of God's glory;
the precise expression of God's essence.
After he cleansed us from our sins through his death and resurrection,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
He is superior to all the heavenly beings;
although the scriptures name angels "sons of God,"
only he is named "the Son of God."

In the past, the Law was entrusted to us through angels. But now a superior message has been announced – true salvation through the Lord Jesus, confirmed through many signs and wonders and miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The scriptures say "all things" will be put under the authority of the Son, which hasn't happened yet. What we've seen so far is Jesus. He was made for a while "a little lower than the angels"; he suffered death for us; and now he is "crowned with glory and honor." Jesus and the ones he makes holy belong to one family. He is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

Since God's children are human beings – made of flesh and blood – the Son also became flesh and blood, sharing that same human nature. Only then could he die, and thus break the power of death held by the Adversary. Only then could he set free those who have lived their whole lives in fear of dying.