



The Inscrutable Question: Christ Glorified is Higher than Angels; Client Nation Entropy Not Discouraging to Believers; The Lord's Crown of Glory, Heb 2:9b

δόξα καὶ τιμῆ / *doxa kai time* / - "glory and honor"

- 1) Both "glory" and "honor" are datives of personal interest. Glory is an attribute of deity but is given to the true humanity of Jesus at His session by God the Father.
- 2) Lucifer and the fallen angels sought to acquire glory by means of rebellion. However, glory is never given to fallen angels and the only Man who has received glory is the resurrected Christ.
- 3) The etymology of the Greek word **δόξα / doxa** /: glory, goes back to Homer and Herodotus who used the word to describe what one thinks or his opinions. When such thoughts and opinions constitute a personal evaluation of someone, then *doxa* means "renown, reputation, esteem, honor, or virtue." These are attitudes of reciprocity toward God held by those who "glorify" Him.
- 4) When mankind extends glory and honor to God or Christ it does not imply that man is able to produce this glory and honor. However, by means of spiritual growth, man is able to realize the reputation of God and Christ, come to respect it and through reciprocity, extol these virtues by means of thought, worship, and the execution of the divine mandates. These are functions of reciprocity.
- 5) During the ascension, Jesus Christ led the Triumphal Procession into heaven and on arrival He was seated at the right hand of God. This is the position of highest honor and indicates that God the Father had imputed to the Lord's resurrected humanity the glory and honor that belongs only to deity.

1 Timothy 3:16 - By consent of all, great is the mystery of the spiritual life [the prototype divine power system, tested, proved worthy, and bequeathed to the royal family as the operational system for executing the spiritual life of the Church Age]: He, the unique One [hypostatic union], Who became visible in human body [true humanity]. This same One was vindicated by the agency of the Holy Spirit [sustaining ministry of the Holy Spirit during the Incarnation]; He was observed carefully by angels [both elect and fallen with the exception of the *Bene ha Elohim*]. He was proclaimed among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up in glory.

- 6) The information that the resurrected "Seed of the woman" has received glory and honor indicates to the demons of Tartarus that they will not receive such recognition.
- 7) Further, not only have they been defeated by the work of Messiah on earth and his recognition in heaven, they are also discouraged to learn that fallen mankind, created lower than they with regard to intelligence, rank, and authority, will through faith in Christ rule over them in eternity.
- 8) Therefore, what discourages these demons should be a source of encouragement, comfort, confidence, and excitement for us.



- 9) We can take a minute to observe the incredible and rapid entropy of our client nation: the distortion of the *Constitution* which the Founders' intended to restrain government power rather than authorize it and defend our freedoms rather than assault them. We stand aghast at the demise of our nation's military preparedness by the feminization of recruit training, the loss of esprit de corps among the rank and file, and the brain drain caused by retiring officers who have combat experience. We shake our heads in wonderment at the loss of integrity among our elected leaders and the sudden public apathy at their crass, vulgar, shameless, and often criminal behavior. We are tempted to be angry at the way environmentalism has brought our nation's economy to a standstill. Fraudulent seizure of power by government in league with environmental terrorists are slowly but surely eroding the right to own private property in this country, an encroaching danger verified by the fact that now over 43 percent of the United States' land mass is owned or controlled by the Federal Government. Christians are finally having it dawn on them that they are no longer considered an asset by most of their fellow citizens but rather a threat to a rapacious lust for a lifestyle that demands freedom without responsibility and choices without ramifications. Many of us have lived to see the national Zeitgeist decline from a Western-European heritage, Anglo-Saxon culture, and Judeo-Christian ethic down to a third-world mentality in just 40 years.
- 10) These are just a few of our unfavorable things that remind us of the fact stated in Hebrews 2:8, "But now we do not see all things subjected to Him." Indeed we do not.
- 11) But in spite of these things we are not dismayed. We are able to glance into the future at the Second Advent when all things will be in subjection to Him. We are able to gain great confidence and courage knowing that our Lord and Savior has been crowned with glory and honor and we are positionally in Him at the right hand of the throne of God.
- 12) Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit we are made higher than the angels whom we will judge:
- 1 Corinthians 6:3a - Do you not know that we shall judge angels?**
- 13) The Greek word **στέφανος** / **stephanoo** /, translated "crown," is emblematic of royalty, conquest, and victory. Our Lord is divine royalty in His undiminished deity being a Member of the Trinity. He is Jewish royalty in His true humanity as a descendant of David. He has battlefield royalty in His hypostatic union under the title, King of kings and Lord of lords. He conquered sin on the cross as a willing substitutionary sacrifice for the human race. He is victorious in the angelic conflict as a result of His strategic victory on the cross.
- 14) The crown is also symbolic for power, success, prosperity, and virtue. Now seated at the right hand of the Father the true humanity of Christ has total power over the angelic population, both elect and fallen. He possesses the authority to judge both men and angels. He is successful because He fulfilled the Father's plan for salvation under Operation Reconciliation. He is prosperous in that He now holds title to the millennial kingdom which He will establish and administer following His Second Advent. He is virtuous in His true humanity because of His demonstrated impeccability.
- 15) The demons in Tartarus were informed of these things by our Lord. Their mission was to destroy the human race and in so doing prevent the Messiah's entry into the human race and human history. Now they find out that the One whose line they sought to destroy is victorious in the appeal trial and as a result has command authority over them and their destiny.



- 16) Further, these demons come to realize that not only did the human race survive their genetic infiltration but that the progeny of Noah will ultimately be delegated plenipotentiary authority to judge them.