

SERMON 5

“For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak” Hebrews 2:5.

In this text there are two parts: the first part is the world to come; and the second, that it is not put in subjection to the angels (Hebrews 2:5); for it is evident that the old world has been put in subjection to the angles during the six thousand years.

“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” Hebrews 1:14.

Man was placed to overcome the evil in the city, it being in the body of the woman, which overcame them, and their bodies died.

Jesus said, *“Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of”* Luke 11:55. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, the man of sin (2nd Thessalonians 2:3), and the daughter against her mother, the mother of harlots (Revelation 17:5; Matthew 10:35). And there was a striving with men on earth which of these angels he would be subject to; *“For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope”* Romans 8:20.

The duration of the old world is divided into time and times (Daniel 12:7), which are the three dispensations; and in the last o these three will the new world be made which is the bodies of men made in the image of God – having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God (Hebrews 7:3).

The world to come are the people who will inherit their bodies, by the Spirit of God with their spirits, being put within their temples: but the old world – their spirits are only tenants to their bodies during their mortal life, and at the resurrection they will receive their souls a spiritual house for their spirits to dwell in, being equal unto the angels of God (Luke 20:36), and ministering spirits to those who shall be heirs of the soul, or of the soul and body.

God is now creating the new world, of which the woman’s seed, Jesus, was the beginning (Revelation 3:14). *“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren”* Romans 8:29. And Christ did the work in Jesus which the first Adam was commanded to do. At

the river Jordan, he being thirty years of age, the Spirit of God descended and abode on him – he dwelling in it three years – taking the priesthood, working signs and wonders, and then Christ withdrew from him, as he did from the first Adam; and Satan attracted the hearts of the men of sin, to shed the blood, the mortal life of the body.

But when arose from the sepulcher, he partook of the tree of life, and within three days the Spirit of Christ with the Spirit of Jesus entered into that temple, the life of it being then man and God, and not the life of blood.

“This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the Lord, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut” Ezekiel 44:2. Death cannot enter in.

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and has kept my word, and hast not denied my name” Revelation 3:7,8.

And now the fullness of the times of the old world being come, the spirits of the just (Hebrews 12:23) will ask for the fullness of Christ always to rest on them, which will do a greater work in them than it did in Jesus (John 14:12), Christ having the evil in their bodies to overcome.

“Hereafter I will not talk much with you; for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me” John 14:30.

“Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out” John 12:31.

“And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away” 1st Peter 5:4.

“When he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him” Hebrews 1:6.

But the new world, the spirits of the just (Hebrews 12:23), will not be subject to the evil, but the evil to them. *“For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance”* Romans 11:27, 29.

The Jews having a covenant with the law, it being given unto them, and the Gentiles under the gospel, having a covenant without the law given unto the Jews. Both these have the covenant for the soul without

the body, which is by repentance. But the Israel of God, having both the law and gospel, have that covenant made before the spirit of man was given unto the body, which is without repentance, and is for both soul and body. *“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love”* Ephesians 1:4.

The world to come is the new earth (Isaiah 65:17), which is the body of man made anew; and the kingdom of God which is to come is the new heaven, which is to be put within the new earth, to be the life of it, it being the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world (Matthew 25:34).

And John saw the likeness of this glorious body in vision. *“His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire: and his feet like unto fine brass”* Revelation 1:14,15.

In the book of Exodus is shown a vision of Moses and seventy of the elders of Israel. *“And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And they saw God, and did eat and drink”* Exodus 24:10,11.

The unbelievers say that the Scriptures contradict one another. In one part it is said, No man shall see God and live (Exodus 33:20) and here it is said, *“They saw God and did eat and drink”*. But it is evident it was only in vision, for no man has seen God in his glorified state, with his mortal eye, of which blood, by the attraction of the spirit of man, is the life; but with his spiritual eye, of which blood is not the life, but the Spirit of God.

“And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, and he was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man” Matthew 17:1,2,9. This was a likeness of the glorious state of the kingdom to come.

“And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights” Exodus 24:18. Moses being in the mount forty days and forty nights is typical of Jesus Christ showing himself immortal for forty days upon earth.

“To whom he also showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God” Acts 1:3.

David shows further the difference between the old world and the new, where he says, *“What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet”* Psalm 8:4-6. And Paul follows on the same subject in these words: *“But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man”* Hebrews 2:8,9. The first Adam’s seed is made lower than the angels; but the latter Adam, Christ and his seed, higher. *“And did not he make one? Yet he had the residue of the Spirit? And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed”* Malachi 2:15.

“I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead” Ecclesiastes 4:15.

The second child is spiritual: it is the godly seed, which is the other Comforter who should proceed from him, and which he promised to send after his departure (John 16:7), and the remnant of his people will first dwell in it and it will do the work in them that it did in Jesus, and will then dwell in them as it dwelt in him, and quicken their mortal bodies that they may be made immortal.

Jesus had the Spirit, without measure, and he dwelt in it, and it did the work. *“I can of mine own self do nothing”* John 5:30. He then ascended unto his Father, and the Spirit is now come again to see who will seek for the goodly seed, whom he foreknew, that they may be conformed to his image, that the angels may be subject to them as to him. And all in heaven and on earth and beneath it, are placed in subjection to them: *“Know ye not that we shall judge angels”* 1st Corinthians 6:3. For Christ was not in subjection to the angels, but they to him: *“Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?”* Matthew 26:53. Being the twelve tribes redeemed from among men; and when they are changed to His image they will be of Him – as the woman is of man. During the three years of his ministry he was in the Father, which is the Spirit; and when he took the immortal the Father was in him. *“Believe me, that I am in the Father, and the Father in me. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you”* John 14:11,20.