

His Excellency, The Lord Jesus Christ

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Excellence excels, and the Lord Jesus Christ excels all others. Can a man love? Christ's love is greater. Is Satan strong? Christ's power excels all others. Do angels minister? Christ's ministry far exceeds the heavenly host.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ's excellent name (Hebrews 1:4)

The Lord Jesus has many, many, names in the Bible. Consider a few. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. And in every name Christ excels. In every office He is first. In every duty He completely satisfies. Every obligation is thoroughly fulfilled. He excels in everything. Therefore, God has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: Many take His name in vain (don't do that). Someday every knee will bow to His, this most excellent, name.

2. The Lord Jesus Christ's excellent power (Job 37:23)

The Lord Jesus Christ is all powerful. In spiritual matters, in heavenly matters, in every event on this earth. Daniel says, "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"

The warning is clear. Do not dare to stand against Him. Sue for peace! Be reconciled! Consider your perilous state!

Luke 14:31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

3. The Lord Jesus Christ's excellent judgment (Job 37:23)

Judgment means both knowledge and retribution. Here is the Judge who sees all, knows all and rules with perfect justice. Job asks, "Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?"

The excellent power and judgment of the Lord Christ ought to make sinners tremble. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

4. The Lord Jesus Christ's excellent love (Psalm 36:7)

His love excels all others (see Isaiah 49:15). It is perfect, unconditional, everlasting love. It is active, accomplishing love. "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."

What does excellent love accomplish? It brings every covenant promise to the elect children of God. "He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah" (Psalm 47:4).

5. The Lord Jesus Christ's excellent sacrifice (Hebrews 11:4)

Abel's sacrifice was more excellent than Cain's because it was made in faith. He brought blood, confessed sin and looked to a redeemer. True faith looks to Christ, the excellent sacrifice. His precious blood satisfies God's anger, cleanses from sin, and justifies the ungodly.

6. The Lord Jesus Christ's excellent ministry (Hebrews 8:6)

Christ's new covenant of promise is better than the old law of duty. Christ excels Moses. The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. He is an excellent Minister. He administers the new covenant, accomplishes its terms, gathers its beneficiaries, dispenses its gifts.

7. The Lord Jesus Christ's excellent greatness (Psalm 150:2)

Every excellence in our glorious Saviour leads to His excellent greatness. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth (Psalm 96:8, 9).

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