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Have you ever had something, but didn't realize the value of it until some time later?

Perhaps its value "hit home" with you when you lost it, or had to get a replacement, or had others take interest in it.

The Hebrew Christians had Jesus Christ but didn't appreciate Him, or have a mature confidence in His all-sufficiency.

Hence, they struggled with assurance of salvation and were tempted to go back under the Old Covenant into dead Judaism.

> Theme of Hebrews: The Supremacy (preeminence, superiority) of Jesus Christ. Christ is *"better"* than anyone or anything, and His work did that which no man or sacrifice could accomplish; namely: permanently remove the penalty and power of sin.

Most of the world is totally ignorant as to who Jesus Christ really is. Some view Him as a great teacher; to others He is a holy man (guru), to others a prophet like Moses, to others a misguided troublemaker, to others an incarnate angel (J.W.'s).

It does not matter what men say about Christ. What matters is what God the Father says about Him.

Satan's main goal and mission is to blind people's minds as to who Jesus really is.

He will constantly question the nature and work of Jesus Christ (cp. Mt. 3:17 - God the Father said, *"This is my beloved Son"* . . . Satan replied, *"If thou be the Son of God . . ."* (4:3).)

***Realize the unique greatness Jesus Christ!**

> ***The Greatness of Jesus Christ is evident by what God the Father DID through Jesus and SAID about Jesus:***

See what God the Father did and is doing in His Son, Jesus Christ...

A. God SPOKE to us in His Son (v.1-2a)

V. 1

"Sundry times" - God gave His Old Testament revelation at various time periods. Each bit of revelation would build on the former. "Progressive Revelation."

"Divers manners" - God revealed Himself in different ways.

a. Miracles - the mighty acts of God in history. When God spoke by "event revelation," He always had a messenger to interpret it with "word revelation."
EXAMPLE: the Exodus - Ex. 5:1-2, cp. 7:4-5; Ps. 106:7-9.

b. Theophanies - physical appearance of God to man.
   1) Natural theophany (appearances in nature) - Ex. 3 (burning bush)Ex. 13:21-22 (pillar of cloud and fire)
   2) Auditory theophany (God's voice could be heard) - Ex. 19:1-3; Lk. 3:22.
   3) Bodily theophany (The Angel [Messenger] of the Lord) - a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ - Gen. 16:10; Judges 2:1ff.

c. Urim & Thumim - two precious stones, used like lots, to determine God's will for Israel -
Ex. 28:30; Num. 27:21; Dt. 33:8).

d. His Word
   1) Direct words (Ex. 33:11)
   2) Direct writing (Ex. 31:18)
   3) Dreams (Dan. 7:1)
   4) Visions (Ez. 1:1)
   5) Scriptures - the written Word (Ex. 17:14, 24:4, 7; Dt. 31:24; II Tim. 3:16)

"The fathers" - The Jewish patriarchs (Hebrew forefathers)

God had to reveal Himself, because man by nature is unable to discover God (can't see Him or know Him); also because man by the fall is uninterested in discovering God. Because of sin, man hides from God and is dead spiritually.

V. 2

"These last days" - The entire New Testament era is called the Last Days.

The time period between Christ's first coming and His second coming is noted as a period of the "Last Days." With God, a thousand years are as one day.
In accordance with the theme of the superiority of Christ, the writer of Hebrews shows His superiority over the prophets by revealing Christ as the last and final spokesman for God (SEE: Hebrews 2:2-3)

Mohammed was not "the seal of the prophets." Jesus is the final authority.

There were no flaws, errors, or mistakes in Christ's words, because when He spoke God was speaking.

The Red-Letter edition of the Bible draws attention to the exact quotes of Jesus Christ.

Everything Jesus said was God's Word because Jesus is God.

That is why Jesus taught with *"authority, and not as the scribes"* (Mk. 1:22).

If you want to know what God thinks about life, death, human relationships, morals, ethics, priorities, divorce, etc., see what Jesus said about it!

If you want God's way of righteousness, salvation, forgiveness, etc., see what Jesus said about it!

B. God <u>RULES the universe</u> via His Son (v.2b)

"Heir" - the word referred to the one to whom a father would leave his property when he died.

Christ, after His resurrection and exaltation, became the chief owner of all things.

Psalm 24:1 - *"The earth is the Lord's."*

"All things" - not some things.

He is the "firstborn" ruler (preeminent one) because He made everything (Col. 1:15-18).

He who owns all has a right to all.

Everything you own ultimately belongs to Jesus Christ (not just "spiritual things").

Even your body is His (I Cor. 6:19-20).

Jesus rules! And will yet rule! (SEE: Psalm 2)

We are joint-heirs because of our union with Christ (Rom. 8:17).

C. God CREATED all things through His Son (v.2c)

"By whom. . . he made" - Creation was accomplished via (by means of) the Son. God the Father planned creation, but the Son performed it by the power of His Word (Heb. 11:3).

Col. 1:16 - *"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."*

Jesus is Creator:

> John 1:3 - "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made."
>
> Eph. 3:9 - "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ."

Jesus created everything.

1) All beings and things "in heavens and in earth"
2) All that is material and immaterial
3) All laws, governing authorities and powers

"In Heaven" - Jesus created the angelic realm (the host of angels including Michael and Gabriel; the cherubim and seraphim, etc.)

"In earth" - everything from the Swiss Alps to the Islands of Hawaii; every kind of plant, tree, fruit, vegetable; every animal, fish, reptile and insect. And the crown of His creation - mankind - was made by and for Jesus Christ.
No wonder the elements obeyed His voice; and the demons trembled in His presence and respected Him. He is LORD of all, Creator of all!

It does not matter where it is (location); or what it is (essence); or how it is ("the powers that be") -- Jesus made it all.

The powers that be are ordained of God (Rom. 13:1) particularly of Jesus Christ!

When Jesus became man, He worked as a carpenter. A fitting trade for the one who built the universe, and yet what a humble trade. What humiliation for the Creator who spoke the world into existence to work much of his 33 years on earth using the simple tools of man and the elements of His own creation, to construct with.

It seems that Scripture teaches that every work God did, He did through the instrumentality of His Son.

"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (Jn. 5:17).

"The worlds" - two words: *tous/aionas*. Lit. "the ages."

According to Rabbinical use, the word refers not only to the periods of time, but to the content of the world (Reinecker, p. 664). The word refers to time, space, and the material world.

Jesus not only was involved in the initial creative process of the world (as the word *kosmos* would indicate), but He has also been actively working in this universe through out the ages, as the word *aion* implies.

D. God <u>REVEALED Himself</u> in His Son (v.3a)

"Brightness" - Radiance, outshining of splendid light.

Christ is the Shekinah Glory of God.

Jesus radiates God's glory. He does <u>not</u> simply reflect it (as the moon reflects the sun), but He radiates it. He is the source of the glorious glow! (cp. Rev. 1).

"He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (Jn. 14:9).

"Express image" - The exact representation, the precise reproduction.

Christ perfectly and completely gives us a visible image of the invisible God.

To see Christ is to see God, because He is the *"image of the invisible God"* (Col. 1:15).

Cp. Col. 2:9 - "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

Christ in "<u>bodily" form</u> (in a visible form) contains (presently) all of the fullness of deity!

The KJV says: "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: <u>God was manifest in the flesh</u>" (I Tim. 3:16).

"Since no mere creature can perfectly reveal God, Jesus Christ must be God" (Wiersbe, p. 49).

E. God SUSTAINS creation by His Son (v.3b)

cp. Col 1:17 - "Consist" ("sunistami") - lit. to stand together; to hold together; to cohere.

Jesus is the "principle of cohesion in the universe" (Lightfoot).

Jesus Christ Himself is the "unifying band which encompasses everything and holds it together" (Lohse).

"A guide took a group of people through an atomic laboratory and explained how matter was composed of rapidly moving electric particles. The tourists studied models of molecules and were amazed to learn that matter is made up primarily of space. During the question period, one visitor asked, "If this is the way matter works, what holds it all together?" For that, the guide had no answer." (Wiersbe, p. 50).

Who keeps the planets each in place? -- Jesus

Who keeps the orbit of the earth around the sun consistent? -- Jesus

Who keeps the seasons (of spring, summer, winter, and fall) regular? -- Jesus

Who keeps the Laws that govern life on earth (EX: gravity, etc.) in tact? -- Jesus

Who keeps nations from becoming totally unglued and civilizations from destroying each other? -- Jesus

Who, then, will interrupt the present order of all things in the Day of the LORD? (Rev. 5:12-17; 15-17) -- Jesus!

Who alone can keep your life and family from erupting and exploding and becoming unglued? -- Jesus!

"Upholding" - to sustain and carry. The word describes not only support but movement. Christ holds all of creation up, but also is moving it in the direction He has sovereignly decreed. Everything is moving right on course.

How does Christ sustain creation? By His spoke Word (*rhemati*), which has strength and authority by His sovereign power (*dunamis*).

F. God <u>ATONED FOR SIN</u> through His Son (v.3c)

"By Himself" - (middle voice) No one helps Jesus purge us. Not angels, "saints," man's works, etc.

"Purged" = cleansed and purified. To wash away by cleaning.

Christ's sacrificial death at Calvary did the cleansing work.

(SEE: Heb. 9:26, 28; 10:10-14).

"What can wash away my sins?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!"

"Sat down" - Because the work of salvation is done, finished, over.

"Right hand" - A place of power and honor (no one else in the universe has this right! Jesus is greatly supreme!)

II. "What God SAID about His Son" - 1:4-14

See what God the Father said about His Son, Jesus Christ in comparison to Angels...

Now in verses 4 - 14, the greatness of Jesus Christ is seen by what God the Father SAID about the Son.

In verses 5 - 14, the writer of Hebrews demonstrates the superiority of Jesus Christ over angels. He does this by comparing and contrasting statements God the Father made about both.

By beginning the Epistle to the Hebrews with a comparison of Christ to angels, the writer (under God's inspiration), is demonstrating the superiority of Christ over everyone and everything. In that he is comparing Christ to the highest class of created beings in the universe, it naturally proves that Christ is also superior to everything under angels.

Jesus Christ is superior to Angels...

A. In NAME, He is my "SON": *Honor Him!* (v.4-5)

V. 4

"Being made" - not *poieo* (to create), but *ginomai* (to become).

Jesus eternally existed supreme over angels, but during His humble incarnation He had been lower than the angels (Heb. 2:9). However, after His resurrection and exaltation, He *"became"* better again, in the sense that He now reigns as heir of all things and has an exalted name to prove it!

Christ as *"heir of all things"* (v. 2) also has a corresponding title: ***"Son of God."***

The phrase *"son of God"* does not imply that God had offspring. The phrase is a Hebraism meaning "one identified with."

In Hebrew understanding the term "son" could include the idea of physical generation (i.e. male offspring) but that is not the fundamental idea. Rather, the basic idea is identity. A "son" is one who partakes of the qualities and characteristics of that person of which he is said to be a son.

The term "son" does not necessarily mean "offspring" or "progeny" but specifically refers to being "one with" or being "one identified with" someone or something

Examples:

I Tim. 1:12 - Paul called Timothy "My own son in the faith.") (cp. Jn. 5:18).

John 17:12 - Judas is identified with perdition
("the "son of perdition")

Acts 4:36 - Barnabas is identified with consolation ("son of consolation")

Jonah 4:10 - The Gourd is identified with Night
("son of a night" ie. here today & gone tomorrow)

People don't put much thought into the significance of names today, as they did in Bible days. A name back then often reflected the person's character or personality. So it is with Christ's excellent name.

V. 5

God never called an angel His son, but He referred to Jesus Christ as "Son."

"While the angels collectively may be termed *"the sons of God"* (Job 1:6), no angel would be given this title individually. It belongs uniquely to our Lord Jesus Christ" (Wiersbe, p. 22).

Christ has eternally held the position of "Son of God" as evident by the Old Testament references to His Sonship.

Psalm 2:12 - "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Prov. 30:4 - "Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His son's name, if thou canst tell."

Daniel 3:25 - "The form of the fourth is like the Son of God" (Nebuchadnezzar clearly saw a divine being who appeared different than the other three men in the furnace).

". . . This day have I begotten Thee" - A quote of Psalm 2:7.

This Messianic psalm anticipated the Father begetting His Son from the grave.

The term *"begotten"* is not describing His origin, but His authority, as proven by His resurrection.

> Acts 13:33-34 - *"God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David."*
>
> Rom. 1:4 - *"And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."*

"I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son" - A quote of II Samuel 7:14, which was a statement to King Solomon and Israel's subsequent kings, yet it had ultimate prophetic fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is superior to Angels...

B. In NATURE, He is GOD: *Worship Him!* (v.6-9)

V. 6

"Firstbegotten" - lit. "firstborn" (*prototokos*) - to the Hebrew mind, the "firstborn" was a title of preeminence, honor, high rank; one with authority.

"Let all the angels of God worship him" - A reference to the LXX Psalm 97:7, where God calls on all of the strong ones (*Elohim* - Heb.) to worship Him.

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the Bible says, "*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."* (Luke 2:13-14).

For an angel to worship the Christ child would be the height of blasphemy if that child was not God (deity) who came to earth in the flesh.

Sacred Scripture forbids the worship of anyone or anything apart from God (Deut. 6:13, 10:20).

Jesus receives worship (Ps. 2:8, 12; Mt. 8:2, 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9, 17; Jn. 9:35, 38; 20:28, 29; Lk. 24:51, 52; by angels - Heb. 1:6; by all men - Phil. 2:10.

[Note: Peter (Acts 10:25, 26), Paul (Acts 14:11-18) and angels (Rev. 19:10 refused to be worshipped.]

Angels also worshipped Christ by serving Him when He was on earth (Mt. 4:11; Lk. 22:43).

V. 7

God ***"maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire."***

The most God said of his angelic messengers (in Psalm 104:4) is that they are as the wind: free floating invisible spirit beings. And some are as burning fire (EX: the Seraphim = from a verb meaning "to burn"; Is. 6:2; cp. with Num. 21:6).

V. 8

In verse 8, God the Father refers to His Son as "*God."* (a quote of Ps. 45:6-7). Several times Jesus referred to the Father as "God" But now the Father calls his Son *"God."*

Throughout the New Testament, Jesus Christ is specifically identified as *"God."*

Jesus is Directly Called "God."

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Mt. 1:23).

1. He is called God by John.

John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (the "Word" refers to Jesus - v. 14).
I Jn. 5:20 - "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."
Rev. 21:7 - "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

2. He is called God by Thomas.
Jn. 20:27-29 - "...and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus said, Because ye have seen me, thou hast believed..."
If Thomas erred so seriously in addressing Jesus as God, why was there no correction by Jesus? And why did Jesus commend his faith?

3. Jesus refers to Himself as God.
John 5:17-18 - "But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God."
John 10:30 - "I and my Father are one." [Note the reaction of the Jews (v. 33) - "...Thou, being a man, makest thyself God." jesus shortly after this said, "...that ye may know and believe that the Father is in me,a nd I in him. Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand" (v. 38, 39).
John 14:9 - "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."

4. He is called God by the writer of Hebrews.
Heb. 1:3 - "His Son...who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person..."

5. He is called God by the Apostle Paul.
"Israelites...whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, Who is over all God blessed for ever. Amen." (Rom.9:5)
Acts 20:28 (Luke quoting Paul) - "...Feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood."

Phil. 2:6 - "Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God."
Col. 1:15 - "Who is the image of the invisible God."
Col. 2:9 - "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." ("fullness" = completeness or perfection; "Godhead" = to have the same essence as God)
I Tim. 3:16 - "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."
Titus 2:13 - "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." (cp. I Jn. 5:20; Rev. 21:7; Is. 9:6)

To call Him God but not mean it is to take the name of God in vain, and to share God's glory with another.

Jesus Claimed and Exercised the Prerogatives of God.

(Christ had the rights of God, and did the works of God.)

1. Forgives sins (Mk. 2:10; Lk. 7:48)
2. Raises the dead (Lk. 7:12-15; Jn. 5:25, 29; 6:39-44; 11:24, 25).
3. Controls nature (Mt. 8:26).
4. Judges motives (Mt. 7:22-27).
5. Receives worship (Ps. 2:8, 12; Mt. 8:2, 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9, 17; Jn. 9:35, 38; 20:28, 29; Lk. 24:51, 52; by angels - Heb. 1:6; by all men - Phil. 2:10.

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6. Taught with independent authority (Mt. 7:29).
   Jesus did not say, "Thus saith the Lord" as the prophets did, but boldly states, "I say unto you" (cp. Mt. 5).

7. Sends the Holy Spirit (Jn. 15:26).

8. Creates (Gen. 1:26; Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:15, 16; Heb.1:2).
   Note: "Firstborn" (Col. 1:15) is a Jewish concept which refers to preeminence or authority, not origin (cp. Col. 1:18 - EX: Jacob & Esau). Jesus had the rights of the firstborn. Cp. Jn. 3:16 - "only begotten" - lit. "one of a kind"; "unique"; not referring to origin. Cp. Heb. 11:17 - Isaac was not Abraham's only son. Cp. Acts 13:33 - reference to the resurrection.

9. Sustains (He preserves creation) (Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3).
10. He is the only Judge (cp. Jn. 5:22 with Rev. 20:11).
11. He is to receive equal honor with the Father (Jn. 5:23).
12. The only Savior (cp. Is. 43:11 with Jude 25; I Pet. 3:18).
13. He grants eternal life (Jn. 10:28).
14. He answers prayer (Jn. 14:14).

[If Jesus was not God He could not forgive sins, be worshipped, be savior etc.]

Jesus Christ has the Same <u>Attributes</u> as God.

1.	Self-existence	(Jn. 8:58 - "I am"; Jn. 1:14, 14:6).
2.	Immutability	(Heb. 13:8 - "The same...for ever")
3.	Eternal	(Rev. 22:13 - "Alpha & Omega"; cp. Is. 44:6; Jn. 8:35).
4.	Omnipresent	(Mt. 28:20 - "I am with you always"; cp. 18:20).
5.	Omniscient	(Jn. 21:17 - "Lord, thou knowest all things"; cp. Jn. 1:48, 2:24, 4:18, 29).
6.	Omnipotent	(Rev. 1:8 - "Almighty"; cp. Jn. 1:12, 4:19-21; Phil. 3:21, 21).
7.	Life	(Jn. 1:4 - "In Him was life").
8.	Truth	(Jn. 14:6 - "I am the truth").
9.	Infinity	(meaning no limits or boundaries except those that are self-imposed) (Eph. 3:8 - "unsearchable"; cp. Col. 2:3).
10.	Perfection	(Col. 2:9 - "<u>fullness</u> of the Godhead"; Eph. 4:13).
11.	Omnisapience	(I Cor. 1:24 - "the wisdom of God").

V. 9

"Fellows" - fellow heirs; colleagues; believers, who as joint heirs will rule and reign with Christ.

Christ stands unique because He is the only one who perfectly and consistently loved right and hated wrong. Even the best believers have sometimes wavered between the two.

Jesus Christ is superior to Angels...

C. In <u>WORK</u>, He is <u>CREATOR</u>: *Thank Him!* (v.10)

Life did <u>not</u> <u>evolve</u>. It was supernaturally and instantly created.

The writer now quotes Psalm 102:25-27, and under inspiration applies it to Christ. Jesus is the Lord (*kurios*) God, who "in the beginning . . . created the Heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).

Jn. 1:3 - *"All things were made by Him: and without Him was not any thing made that was made."*

Col. 1:15-16 - *"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."*

Note: Hebrews 1:2

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D. In <u>EXISTENCE</u>, He is <u>ETERNAL</u>: *Trust Him!* (v.11-12)

V. 11

"They shall perish" - The earth and Heavens will be brought to ruin by God.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away. . ."

"But thou remainest" - *"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." "I the Lord change not."*

"They all shall wax old" - The earth and heavens (sky and outer space) deteriorate with time. It is a scientific law that the earth does not improve in complexity with time, but in actuality is deteriorating with time, leading to entropy. The sun emits tons of irreplaceable energy every day, and eventually will burn out.

We often live our lives as if the things on this earth were permanent (one day, all will be burned up - II Pet. 3:10).

V. 12

"Creation is like an old garment, which will one day be discarded in favor of a new one" (Wiersbe, p. 24).

"A new heaven and a new earth" (Rev. 22:1).

God will roll it all up one day (Rev. 6:14 - *"as a scroll"*), or here, as a garment. But Jesus Christ remains the <u>same</u>. After the Millennium, the heavens and earth will flee away (Rev. 21:11). But His years will never end.

"Thou art the same" - Jesus today is just as kind and compassionate as when He said, "*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Mt. 11:28-30)*

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E. In <u>POSITION</u>, He is <u>RULER</u>: *Submit to Him!* (v.13-14)

V. 13

"Right hand" - The place of <u>honor</u> and power (authority)

Jesus as king of kings and Lord of lords is sitting on His throne and one day all who hate Him, deny Him, blaspheme Him, etc., will be subjected under His feet.

V. 14

Christ is reigning from Heaven, while the angels are out working for Him by serving the saints.

Everyone who is saved and will inherit salvation has at least one "guardian" angel, who serves us in ways we can't imagine.

They serve us under Christ's jurisdiction and command. He gives the orders and they obey.

Conclusion:

"Thus saith the Lord:

You call me Light and
You see me not.
You call me the Way and
You follow me not.
You call me Truth and
You believe me not.
You call me Just and
You trust me not.
You call me Mighty and
You fear me not.
You call me Salvation and
You honor me not.
You call me Rich and
You ask me not.
You call me Worthy and
You praise me not.
You call me eternal and
You seek me not.
You call me Master and
You obey me not.

When you force me to condemn you,
blame me not.

Jesus is God Almighty!"