

Beloved of the Lord:

The Bride declares her Beloved to be - THE CHIEFEST AMONG TEN THOUSAND - S. of S. 5:10. She delights that HE stands alone in His excellency and in His beauty. In Himself He excels all others, fairer than the children of men, brighter than the morning stars that sang for joy. He is the first and the last, the first and none is before Him, the last and none after Him, none like, none second, none next, none other! No other can share HIS PRE-EMINENCE! She acknowledges "that in ALL things He might have the pre-eminence" - Col. 1:18. The Bride herself and none other can share the place of honor and excellence that belongs to her Bridegroom! He has been, He is and always will be CHIEF!

1 - HIS PAST SUPREMACY - By divine inspiration it is written that He is "HIGHER THAN THE HIGHEST" - Eccl.5:8. He is above ALL angels - Heb.1:5-8. He is above cherubim and seraphim - Ezek.1:28;Isa.6:1-6. He is above the angel Gabriel - Dan.8:16. He is above Michael the Arch-angel and the highest created angel, Lucifer - Zech.3:1-2;Jude 9. He is the Father's only begotten SON - John 1:18. The one Servant of the Father, in Whom it pleased "the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell" - Col. 1:19;2:9. In His priority He is "BEFORE ALL" - Col.1:17. Is He this in MY heart and life?

2 - HIS PRESENT SUPREMACY - As our High Priest He has been made "HIGHER THAN THE HEAVENS" - Heb. 7:26. He is "far above all principality, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, etc" - Eph. 1:19-22. He is the exalted MAN IN GLORY, for after He "by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high" - Heb.1:3. In His supremacy He is "ABOVE ALL". Is He this in MY heart and life?

3 - HIS FUTURE SUPREMACY - Some blessed day He will be "HIGHER THAN THE KINGS OF THE EARTH" - Psalm 89:27. When He returns to earth, "on His vesture and on His thigh He hath a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" - Rev. 19:16. In the glory of the eternal scene, the New Creation, His exaltation will be such that the celestial, terrestrial and the infernal spheres will bow the knee before Him, and "every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" - Phil.2:9-11. In His sovereignty HE will be "LORD OF ALL" - Acts 10:36 Is He this in MY heart and life?

In His past, present and future supremacy, to all of His followers the Beloved is always CHIEF over the whole created universe and He is its glorious Prince! The Bride has to confess that "CHRIST IS EVERYTHING" - Col.3:11 J.N.D.Trans. Is He this in MY heart and life?

4 - THE BRIDE'S CONFESSION OF HERSELF - In another Scripture, through the mouth of one of the first bridal virgins, she announces - "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, OF WHOM I AM CHIEF" - 1 Tim.1:15. The Bride acknowledges her pre-eminence in her guilt and sin; but that the Chief of all Holy ones came down from heaven to the earth, to save the chief among all sinners! Truthfully she confesses - "I am the chief of all sinners, but HE is the Chief of all Saviours"! Yes, she found that the chief of sinners needed the Chief of Saviours! When a person finds himself or herself to be the chief of sinners, then they can find that the Father above sent His Son as the "CHIEFEST AMONG TEN THOUSAND", as the only ONE WHO can with His precious blood cleanse from ALL sin and wash away every stain. When they receive HIM, coming together by His grace, then they will be able to say - "THIS IS MY BELOVED: THIS IS MY FRIEND!". What a FRIEND!

"CHIEFEST OF TEN THOUSAND" - FAIREST OF THE FAIR,
 ALTOGETHER LOVELY - BEYOND ALL COMPARE!
 LORD OF ALL CREATION, MAN OF CALVARY,
 SON OF GOD WHO LOVED AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME!

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Faithfully yours in Christ,

