

# Jesus is Not Michael the Archangel

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The teaching that Jesus is Michael the Archangel is an old, tired Arian argument. The early Adventist pioneers taught the heresy called "Arianism" which teaches that Jesus is not God the Son, the second Person of the Trinity. Those who believe this false doctrine teach that Jesus is an exalted angel. Those, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, who promote this heresy today teach that Jesus is Michael the Archangel.

This early Adventist heresy appeared in several books and articles published by the church. It even manifested itself in the hymnology of the church. In the official Seventh-day Adventist hymnal, published from 1941 until its recent revision in 1985, the church had changed the words of the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" which says, "God in three Persons, blessed Trinity" to "God overall who rules eternity."

## **Evidence of this doctrinal pollution is found in the writings of Ellen White:**

"Moses passed through death, but Michael came down and gave him life before his body had seen corruption. Satan tried to hold the body, claiming it as his; **but Michael resurrected Moses** and took him to heaven. Satan railed bitterly against God...**but Christ did not rebuke His adversary...** He meekly referred him to His Father, saying, 'The Lord rebuke thee.'" *Early Writings*, p. 164 (emphasis added).

"**When Jesus stands up**; when his work is finished in the Most Holy, then there will be not another ray of light to be imparted to the sinner....The light is made to reach far ahead, where all is total darkness. **MICHAEL stands up.**" *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 2, p. 276 (emphasis added).

"**As Christ** and the angels **approached the grave**, Satan and his angels appeared at the grave, and were guarding the body of Moses, lest it should be removed. **As Christ** and his angels **drew nigh**, Satan resisted their approach, but was compelled, by the glory and power of Christ and his angels to fall back. Satan claimed the body of Moses, because of his one transgression; but **Christ meekly referred him to his Father, saying, "The Lord rebuke thee."** *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 4a, p. 58 (emphasis added).

"Just before going into the meeting, I had a revival of some interesting scenes which had passed before me in vision...It seemed to me that the angels were making a rift in the cloud and letting in the beams of light from heaven. The subject that was presented so strikingly was the case of Moses....The angels buried him, but **the Son of God soon came down and raised him from the dead** and took him to heaven." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 659 (emphasis added).

"As a people we must stand as did the world's Redeemer. When in controversy with Satan, in regard to the body of Moses, Christ durst not bring against him a railing accusation." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 239.

#### **THE BIBLE SAYS:**

"For **to which of the angels did He ever say**, 'Thou art My Son, today I have begotten thee?'" Hebrews 1:5 (emphasis added).

"**But of the Son He says, 'Thy throne, O God,** is forever and ever..." Hebrews 1:8a (emphasis added).

"**But to which of the angels has He ever said**, 'Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet?' Are they [the angels] not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?" Hebrews 1:13-14 (emphasis added).

It is clear from Scripture that Jesus is **NOT** and has never been an angel or an archangel! It would appear that the only support you have for such a belief is the literature of heretical cults and the writings Ellen White.