5. HEBREWS. 605   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTIIORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 this day have I begotten! this day have I begotten thee? And   
 thee? And again, I will   
 again, °I will be to him as a father, ™} 84-4.   
 xxi   
 zaviil.6, texsin 327,   
 fragmentary indications of portions of its ‘Messianic import of the theocracy. ‘Those   
 glory; are but beams of light, which are who entirely or partially deny this latter,   
 united in it as in a central sun, Since seem to me to be without adequate means   
 when has Christ in this sense inherited of discussing the question. Ebrard’s view   
 this name? The answer must not be is, that the Psalm belongs to the reign of   
 hastily made, as by some Commentators, David. ‘The objection that ver. 6 will not   
 that the term inherited implies the glorifi- apply to David’s anointing, inasmuch as   
 cation of the humanity of Christ to that that took place at Bethlehem in his bor   
 Sonship which He before had in virtue of hood, he answers, by regardi   
 his Deity. Evidently so partial a reference ing as connected with his establishment on   
 cannot be considered as exhausting the Mount Zion, not as having locally taken   
 sense of the Writer. Nor again can we place there, but as the first of that series   
 say that it was at the time of His incarna- of divine mercies of which that other was   
 tion, though the words of the angel in the completion. He further ascribes the   
 Luke i. 35, « That holy thing which shall Psalm to that portion of David’s reign   
 be born of thee shall Le called the Son of when (2 Sam, viii.) and many   
 God,” seem to favour such a reference : neighbouring nations, were smitten by   
 for it was especially at His incarnation, him: which victories he looked on as the   
 that He was made a little lower than the fulfilment to him of Nathan’s prophecy,   
 angels, ch. ii. 9. Rather would the sense 2 Sam, vii, In that prophecy tie   
 seem to be, that the especial name of Soy, offspring of David is mentioned in the very   
 belonging to Him not by ascription nor words quoted below in this verse, and in   
 adoption, but by His very Being itself, has terms which, he contends, will not apply to   
 been ever, and is now, His: inherited by Solomon, but must be’ referred to the great   
 Him, “ in that He is the very Son of God,” promised Seed of David. He regards this   
 as Chrysostom says: the Old Test. de- triumphant. occasion as having been trented   
 clarations being as it were portions of the hy the royal Psalmist as a type and fore-   
 instrument by which this inheritance is taste of the ultimate ideal dominion of the   
 assured to Him, and by the citation of “Son of David” over the kings of the   
 which it is proved. Observe that the earth), Thou (the seed of David, anointed   
 having become better than the angels is in God’s counsels as king on his holy hill   
 not identical with the inheriting, but in of Sion : see above) art my Son (accordin;   
 proportion to it: the triumphant issue of to the promise presently to be quoted,   
 his Mediation is consonant to the glorious finding its partial fulfilment in Solomon,   
 Name, which is His by inheritance: but but its only entire one in the Son of David   
 which, in the fulness of its present incon- who is also the Son of God), I (emphatic :   
 ccivable glory [see above], has been put on “Tand no other:”” expressed also in the   
 and taken up by Him in the historical Hebrew) this day have begotten thee   
 process of his mediatorial humiliation and (first, what are we to understand by this   
 triumph) than they. 5—18.] Proof term, have begotten ? Bleck says, “ As   
 from Scripture of this last declaration, Sonship, in the proper sense, is dependent   
 5.) For (substantiation of His having on the act of begetting, so may, especially   
 inherited a more exalted name than the hy the Hebrews, ‘to beget” be figuratively   
 angels) to whom of (among) the angels used to express the idea of ‘making any   
 did He (God, the subject of vv. 1,2; as one a son,’ in which derived and figurative   
 the subsequent citation shews) ever say reference this also may be meant. And   
 (this citation from Ps. ii. brought up we get an additional confirmation of this   
 in recent German Commentators thewhole meaning from Jer ii. 27, where it is said   
 question of the original reference of that of the foolish idolatrous Israelites, ‘They   
 Psalm,. and of Old Test. citations in the say to a stock, Thou art my father, and to   
 New Test. altogether. ‘These discussions a ‘stone, Thou hast begotten me’ (so the   
 will be found in Bleek, De Wette, and Septuagint). Accordingly, the meaning   
 Ebrard. The latter is by far the deepest here is——I have made Thee my Son’ [s0   
 and most satisfactory: seeing, as he docs, Ps. Ixxxix. 20, 26, 27: ‘I have found   
 the furthest into the truth of the peculiar David my servants with my holy oil havo   
 standing of the Hebrew people, and the Tanointed him: . He shall cry unto