The Great Powers

Mat 17:20 He [Jesus] said to them, Because of your unbelief. For most assuredly I tell you, **if you have faith** as a grain of mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and **nothing will be impossible for you**. 21:21 Jesus answered them, Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you be able to do what has been done to the fig tree, but you will also say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen.

According to the verses above, believers will be able to use their powers to do amazing things. At that time, the disciples did not yet have such faith. When Jesus ascended to Heaven, he sent to them the Holy Spirit, and from him, they received great powers. Jesus, however, spoke of one shepherd and one flock, that all would be one in God; **that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us…** (Jhn 17:21)

How do people differ from angels in God's plans?

Heb 1:14 says: Aren't they [angels] all ministering spirits, **sent out to do service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation**? Angels are serving spirits, the future of which is to serve those who will inherit salvation. This applies to all angels, including Satan and his group. Satan is exceedingly annoyed; he would like to achieve a similar position as God. Therefore, he will do everything he can to deceive humanity and ultimately destroy it. One of Satan's means is to distort the Bible's word and implement false teachings into mankind. In this Satan has succeeded well. The two billion Christians have scattered into thousands and thousands of denominations with the most diverse religious doctrines. Of these, the most

significant is the doctrine of Trinity. We know from the Bible that Satan and his forces will be destroyed; first Satan is bound for a thousand years and then released to try one more time, but it leads to the destruction of Satan's forces.

But what is the part of the believers of mankind in the future?

God did not promise the angels to govern the world – but the human beings. The god of this world, i.e. Satan, and other fallen angels with him envy the part reserved for humans; Jesus Christ acknowledges as his brothers and sisters those people who have the spirit of God. Jesus will be the 'captain of our salvation' (Heb 2:10 KJV), and finally God will be all in all and men are God beings as their God's original purpose was.

The Hebrews (2:10) tells how Christ through sufferings may bring a lot of God's children to glory, while himself at the same time becoming perfect. God says that those whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers (Rom 8:29). – The *firstborn* as a word refers to the fact that in addition to Jesus there will be many other sons of God. Christ is the firstborn of this great number, but note that those whom Christ calls his brethren are after their resurrection, to the greatest extent like Christ. Gal. 3:26 promises us: You are all **children [or sons] of God**, through faith in Christ Jesus. And 4:7 adds: … and if a son, then an **heir of God** through Christ.

What do the sons of God inherit then? For what purpose would we use the capabilities that God's sons have? We do not want to move the mountains to the sea just because it is possible. Jesus only depicted those great opportunities of the future for what God's sons would be able to do by the power of faith. What tasks will God give us in the new world? Maybe God has plans for which we still do not know anything. However, I am

confident that in the future world we will not sit on the edge of a cloud or eat the fruits from the tree of life on the bank of a babbling brook. God is told to work constantly although he rested on the seventh day. John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I, too, am working." And our future role is told in 1 Cor 3:9: **We are God's co-workers**.