

Jesus – Better than Angels!

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Hebrews

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Reminder:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better!
- Likely a pastor writing to his Jewish converts to look to Jesus
- Jesus asked^{Mk8:29} *Who do you say that I am?*
- A inadequate or incorrect answer is dangerous!
- Consider JW's; Muslims; American spirituality

Angelology

- Angelology – the study of angels
- We must get ideas from culture but God's Word alone
- Angels
 - created by God before the world, sang at creation^{Jb38:7}
 - angels are not divine, they are spirits like God, not gods
 - angels were created to serve God
 - **workers:** messengers^{Lk2:9}; at tomb^{Mt28:2}; serve church^{Heb1:14}
 - **warriors:** took Lot out of Sodom before destroying^{Gen19}, protected Israel in Exodus¹⁴⁻³²; killed 185K soldiers^{2K19:35}
 - **worshippers:** at God's throne^{Isa6;Rv4:8}; at incarnation^{Lk2:13}

Angels Serve God & Jesus

- Angels serve God and His church, they bring glory to God
- That is why Jesus is better than angels – He is God!
- 7 OT quotations to prove that - 5 concepts:

Jesus is Better than angels because...

1) Jesus is Uniquely the Son of God 4-5

- Ps 2:7 'begotten' refers to decree of God before creation, Jesus would become incarnate to redeem sinners^{Rm8:29};
- Ps 2 - sinners rage against God; believe God's Son by taking refuge in Him^{Ps2:10-12} that's why God did it that way...

2) Angels worship & serve Jesus! 6-7

- firstborn – not chronological, but position (authority)
- Jesus is God - angels obey & serve Him!

3) Jesus is God who Reigns Eternally 8-9

- Ps 45:6-7; descended from David Jesus is eternal God/man
- This is the beauty & wisdom of the incarnation - perfect man

4) Jesus is the Eternal Creator 10-12

- Ps 102:25-27 - a prayer of the afflicted
- Words about Creator applied to Jesus who redeems us^{Hb13:8}

5) Jesus rules as God, while angels merely serve 13-14

- Ps 110:1 - most cited OT verse in NT
- Jesus used this to 'stump' scribes^{Mk12:35-36}
- God alone deserves worship^{Rev19:10}; Jesus rules as God

So What?

- if angels spend their time obeying & worshiping Jesus, shouldn't you?
- if angels see Jesus as the center of the universe, shouldn't you?
- We must reject anything that doesn't exalt Jesus!

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