

Jesus is God's Ultimate Revelation: He is Superior to the Angels

4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. 5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father" ? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son" ? 6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." 8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." 10 He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end." 13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet" ? 14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:4-14

1. Jesus is God's ultimate revelation because...

...He is God and surpasses the prophetic word (last week)

...**He is superior to the angels** (this week)

...He provides salvation (next week)

2. Why was the author so concerned about proving the superiority of Jesus over angels?

a. Angels had become a _____, a cottage industry.

- Are we talking about 2K years ago or today? _____!

- Since God seemed to be so distant and untouchable, angels seemed to bring God _____

b. It was believed by Jewish Rabbis that every event, person, and country, had their own "angel,"

- In the Talmud, a rabbinic commentary on the law, it states that every blade of _____ has its own guardian angel.

- Angels had almost become more important than God.

c. Why is angelology such a danger?

- It introduces something other than Jesus through whom we _____ God and gain access to God

- There is only one name that brings us to God: Jesus

3. Jesus vs. Angels

Verses 4-5 Jesus' name is superior

Quotations: Psalms 2:7 and II Samuel 7:14

a. He is called "Son" by God

b. "Son" was often used to refer to angels in general, and to the nation of Israel

However, no angel or human was ever _____ out as THE Son

Verses 6-7 Jesus is the firstborn

Quotations: Psalm 97:7, Psalm 104:4

a. The firstborn inherits the father's _____: the kingdom of heaven

b. Angels are not inheritors of the kingdom

1) Angels worship and _____ Jesus

2) Angels are swift as the wind, and mighty as flaming fire

- This may make angels better than humans
- However, as great as angels are, Jesus is greater still.

3) Angels are like the elemental forces: they are only _____ and do the bidding of the creator.

Verses 8-9 Jesus is given the throne

Quotation: Psalm 45:7

a. He has royal _____

b. He is in charge of the angels

c. His anointing sets him apart and above the angels so that he may perform a sacred function, _____

Verses 10-12 *Jesus pre-existed the angels*

Quotation: Psalm 102:26-27

a. He is before the earth, and will exist after the earth

- He was God's agent in _____
- He is the one who constructed heaven and earth.

b. The universe is compared to Jesus' clothing:

- Clothing wear _____
- Clothing can be _____

c. The universe, which seems so immense, will one day be rolled up like an old pair of clothes.

Verses 13-14 *Jesus is called to sit at God's right hand*

Quotation: Psalm 110

a. Jesus is the one who is served

Enemies will be completely subject and _____ before Him

b. Angels, however, are servants

- Angels are _____ of Jesus
- Angels praise and worship Jesus
- Angels minister to those receiving salvation, (but notice that they do not minister to _____)
- Angels are buffered from the throne, and therefore, the authority of the throne
- Angels do not have a lineage that would allow them to _____ to the throne

c. The ones to whom Angels minister will, however, _____ the kingdom

- There will be a reversal in our _____ in relationship to the angels.
- Even humans, because of the salvation of Jesus, will one day surpass the status of the angels.

You are welcome to use the following study as a part of your family or small group bible study this week.

Weekly Bible Study Re-read Hebrews 1:4-14

1. What do you believe angels are, and what do they do?
2. Do you believe that you have a "guardian" angel? If so, how are they involved in your life?
3. What are the dangers of "angelology?"
4. What does Jesus have that the angels do not?