

## THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS (4)

Hebrews 1:4-14

### Main outline given during the introductory material:

- I. The Superiority of the Mediator Hebrews 1-7
    - A. Christ's superiority to the prophets 1:1-3
    - B. Christ's superiority to the angels 1:4-14
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Intro: Angels are a fascinating subject. Much has been said and written about them by saved and unsaved alike. They are usually considered beings with great power and ability. The Scripture also says much about them, and it is with that in mind that the writer of Hebrews shows the superiority of Christ to the angels.

### Sermon Outline:

- I. Angels
  - A. There are \_\_\_\_\_ references in Scripture to angels
  - B. Angels were \_\_\_\_\_ by God Col 1:16-17
  - C. The number of angels is innumerable Rev 5:11-*and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands* (100 million and thousands of thousands)
  - D. Angels are no where mentioned in Scripture as \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Angels have appeared on earth in \_\_\_\_\_ form Hb 13:2
  - F. Angels have appeared on earth in other forms Mt 28:5
  - G. Angels can \_\_\_\_\_ to humans audibly Mt 28:5
  - H. Angels do not \_\_\_\_\_ and are thought of as neither male nor female. Mt 22:29-30
  - I. Two angels are mentioned in Scripture by name, and seem to be given specific responsibility
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_-the archangel (chief) Daniel 10 and 12, Jude 9, Rev 12:7
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_-the angel given the responsibility of delivering messages and instruction from God Daniel 8 and 9, Luke 1:19, 26
  - J. Angels minister for God and do His bidding
- II. Christ is superior to the angels Vs 4-14
  - A. **Being made so much better than the angels** Vs 4a
    - 1. **Being made**
      - a. Being \_\_\_\_\_ above
      - b. Cf. Vs 3, 13
    - 2. **So much better than the angels**
      - a. Superior to the angels
      - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ is always greater than the creation
  - B. Christ is superior:
    - 1. Because He has a more excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 4b-6a
      - a. **More excellent name**-a name that surpasses any of the names of any of the angels
      - b. **My Son** Vs 5
      - c. **First begotten** Vs 6a
        - (1) The first born son was always considered the most important son of the family, because he was given the birthright in the family
        - (2) Christ was the chief One born-not a reference to time
          - (a) Cf. Rom 8:29 *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*
          - (b) Cf. Col 1:15 *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*
    - 2. Because He was \_\_\_\_\_ by the angels Vs 6b **And let all the angels of God worship him.**

3. Because of His superior \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 7-9
- a. God's angels are \_\_\_\_\_ to do God's bidding Vs 7
  - b. God's Son is \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 8-9
    - (1) He will rule \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 8a **Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever**
    - (2) He will rule \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 8b **a sceptre of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom** (scepter-the ceremonial staff which the ruler carries as an emblem of his authority)
    - (3) He will love right and hate wrong Vs 9a **Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity**
    - (4) He is \_\_\_\_\_ above everyone Vs 9b **therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows**
    - (5) Isa 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.
4. Because He is \_\_\_\_\_ and He is eternal Vs 10-12
- a. The Creator Vs 10
    - (1) **In the beginning**-when the beginning of time began Vs 10a
      - (a) Gen 1:1-In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth
      - (b) John 1:1-3-In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
    - (2) The Creator will never \_\_\_\_\_
      - (a) Vs 11b-**but thou remainest,**
      - (b) 12b-**but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail**
  - b. The creation will be \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 10b-12a
5. Because He will be the \_\_\_\_\_ One Vs 13-14
- a. Christ's ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 13a **But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand**
  - b. Christ's ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 13b **until I make thine enemies thy footstool**
  - c. Christ's ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ for the angels Vs 14
    - (1) **Are they not all ministering spirits**-given the responsibility to execute the commands given them by God without question or failure
    - (2) **sent forth**-sent by God from the presence of God (they are ever around His throne awaiting His orders)
    - (3) **to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation**-sent forth to minister to and in the behalf of those who \_\_\_\_\_ Christ as Savior

Concl: Christ is the Creator. And as Creator, He is superior to His creation, and the angels are part of His Creation.