

SUPERIOR TO ANGELS

Hebrews 1:4-14 and 2:5-9

- I. **Angels**—supernatural created beings, from God to help God’s people
- A. There is a **Supernatural Realm of Reality**.—more going on than is visible.
- B. Angels are **Created Spiritual Beings who serve God**. (1:7, 14)
1. **Messengers** (1:7; 2:2)—Angel means messenger or envoy, someone who delivers a message or conducts business on behalf of someone else.
 2. **Ministers** (1:14; Ps 91:11)—Minister means servant
 3. **Outrank Humans** (2:6-8; Ps 8:4-6)—glory and power
 - a. **Heavenly Glory**—shining from the presence of God
 - b. **Supernatural Ability**—more powerful than humans.
- C. **A Caution Regarding Angels**
1. **Angels must not be worshipped**. (Col 2:18; Rev 22:9)—revered because of Who they represent, Who they work for.
 2. **Angels can be impersonated by demons**. (2 Cor 11:14; Gal 1:8; 1 Jn 4:1). Fallen Angels work against God to mislead and destroy humanity.
 3. **Angels should not be our obsession**. (1 Cor 2:2; Col 2:18-19; Tit 1:10, 13) Don’t lose the focus of our faith
- II. **God’s Son** ()—He is the focus, not the angels. He is SUPERIOR to the Angels.
- A. He holds **Messianic Title**. (1:5; 2 Sam 7:12-16; Ps 2:7-8; Ps 8)—David’s son would build God’s House, sit on David’s throne forever and rule the nations.

B. He is Divine. (1:6, 8-13)

1. **The Angels worship the Son.**
2. **David refers to Him as God.** (Ps 45:6-7; Lk 20:41-44)
3. **He is worshipped as the Creator.** (Ps 102:25)
4. **He is extolled as Eternal.** (Ps 102:26-27)

C. He is Human (2:5-9)

1. **He is David's Son.** (2 Sam 7:12-16)—Jesus' genealogy
2. **He is a son of man.** (Ps 8:4-6)—a descendent of Adam; redeems and fulfills the kingship of Adam

III. Lord of All (1:3-4; 1 Peter 3:22; Mat 28:18; 1 Cor 15:25)—Enthroned in Heaven

A. Became superior to angels (1:4a; Phil 2:5-11)—humbled to human, exalted as divine Messiah

B. The name he inherited (1:4b; Isa 45:23)—the Lord/LORD; OT prophecy regarding the LORD (YHWH) applied to Jesus

C. The firstborn (1:6; Rom 8:29; Col 1:18)—highest rank, heir of all things

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