

Teaching – Hebrews Chapter 1
Sermon – Jesus Was No Angel!
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The book begins with an introductory Statement of Faith!

- The subject of the Christian faith is GOD!
- From there the author focuses on Christ (Christology).
- This book is a sophisticated and intelligent teaching sermon on the role of Christ.

The Son of God (The Son) is Superior to the Angels!

- Two rhetorical questions frame this section of the first chapter (vv.5-13)
- v. 5 – “For to which of the angels did God ever say...”
- v. 13 – “But to which of the angels has he ever said...”

Inside this inclusion are 7 quotes from Scripture that highlight the continuity and discontinuity between the Son and the Angels.

1. v. 5 “you are my Son; today I have begotten you...” Psalm 2:7
2. v. 5 – “I will be his Father and he will be my Son...” (2 Samuel 7:14)
3. v. 6 – Let all God’s angels worship him.” (Psalm 97:7) gods = angels
4. v. 7 – “Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.” (Psalm 104:4)
5. vv. 8-9 – But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your Kingdom.” (Psalm 45:6-7)
6. vv. 10-12 – “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same and your years will never end.” (Psalm 102: 25-27)
7. v. 13 – “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” (Psalm 110:1)

At the end, with the repetition of the rhetorical question, we are asked to make a decision.

- Will we recognize that angels are sent forth on a mission of assistance to those who find themselves oppressed and confused in a hostile world?
- Will we also see that while angels have their place, it is not seated at the right hand of God?

Questions for Discussion:

1. What has been your view of Angels? Do you believe in them?
2. The most common picture of Jesus for the early church was of a bloodied and crucified Messiah. How does Jesus’ suffering illustrate his radiant glory?
3. Are you wondering if and when Jesus will come again?
4. Are you tired or bored with Christianity? Why?
5. How does this picture of Jesus in Hebrews 1 speak to you about God?