

SERMON-BASED STUDY: SUPREME OVER ANGELS

Hebrews 1:4-14, ESV – ⁴ *having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.* ⁵ *For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? ⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” ⁷ Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” ⁸ But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” ¹⁰ And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, 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 like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” ¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?*

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 What does the *more excellent* name that Jesus inherited signify? How does it show His superiority over angels?

2 What is the fundamental difference in the nature of angels as *ministering spirits* and Jesus as the eternal King?

3 Why are angels commanded to worship the Son in verse 6?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Psalm 103:20, ESV** – *Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!*

Acts 7:38, ESV – *This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us.*

Acts 7:53, ESV – *you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.*

Psalm 91:11-12, ESV – ¹¹ *For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.* ¹² *On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.*

4 How does the specific call for angels to praise God highlight His sovereignty?

5 In what ways do angels act as God's agents or servants in carrying out His will?

6 What does the image of angels bearing you up on their hands mean to you? Does this mean that bad things never happen to believers? Explain.

B **1 Timothy 2:5-6, ESV** – ⁵ *For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,* ⁶ *who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

Philippians 2:8-11, ESV – ⁸ *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* ⁹ *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,* ¹⁰ *so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* ¹¹ *and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

7 What does it mean for God to *highly exalt* Jesus and to *bestow on him the name that is above every name*?

8 What does the term *mediator* mean? Why is Jesus the only one qualified to serve in this role?

9 What does it signify that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord?

TAKING IT HOME

What things in today's culture might draw our attention away from Christ and cause us to deemphasize Him, similar to the audience of Hebrews? What steps can you take to remind yourself of Jesus' superior nature and to honor Him as God in your daily life?

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Job 38:7

Isaiah 6:1-3

Daniel 10:10-15

Acts 5:19; 12:6-11

1 Corinthians 11:10

Hebrews 2:1

Revelation 4:8; 5:9-12; 17:1