
Better Than Angels – Part 1

Text: Hebrews 1:5-14

Introduction

The writer of Hebrews is presenting a truth of assurance that Jesus is the EXCLUSIVE & SUPREME WAY to enter into a covenant relationship with the Father.

What we can learn from the Bible is that angels are:

- Created beings
- Powerful beings
- Move within the presence of God
- Are merely servants

Acts 17:11 “11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

MAIN PRINCIPLE: Angels are merely servants, but the Son is superior because he is God and will reign forever.

John 5:18 “18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.”

Matthew 16:15 “15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?”

1) _____ Testament Proofs

Verses 5-6

A. _____ Old Testament Proof

- Psalm 2:7 “7 I will declare the decree: The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; This day have I begotten thee.”
- Psalm 2:8-9 “8 Ask of me, And I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
 - Acts 13:30-33 “30 But God raised him from the dead: 31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. 32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, 33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**”
 - Luke 1:32 “32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:”
 - Mark 1:11 “11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

B. _____ Old Testament Proof

- 2 Samuel 7:14 “14 **I will be his father, and he shall be my son.** If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:”
- Jeremiah 23:5-6 “5 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”
- Remember the announcement to Mary from Gabriel — Luke 1:32-33 “32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

C. _____ Old Testament Proof (v6-7)

- firstborn adj. — of or designating the son first in order of birth; especially all the rights and privileges that accompany being the firstborn.
 - Psalm 89:27 “27 Also I will make him my **firstborn**, Higher than the kings of the earth.”
 - Colossians 1:18 “18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.”
 - Revelation 1:5 “5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,”
- Psalm 104:1-5 “1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honour and majesty. 2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: Who maketh the clouds his chariot: Who walketh upon the wings of the wind: 4 Who maketh his angels spirits; His ministers a flaming fire: 5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, That it should not be removed for ever.”

2) The _____ Kingdom Is Promised Only To The Son

Verses 8-9

A. Jesus is more than an _____ King

- Psalm 45:6-7 “6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: The sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”
- **Quote:** (Derek Kidner) “An example of the Old Testament language bursting its banks, to demand a more than human fulfillment”

B. Jesus shares His kingdom with _____

- Luke 5:7 “7 And they beckoned unto their **partners** (same word), which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.”
- Occurs: Hebrews 1:9; 3:1; 3:14; 6:4; 12:18.

- Hebrews 3:14 “14 For we are made **partakers** of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;”
- Romans 8:17 “17 **And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;** if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

3) Jesus Is The Superior _____

Verses 10-12

- Psalm 102:25-27 “25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: And the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 But thou art the same, And thy years shall have no end.”

4) Jesus Is The Superior _____

Verses 13-14

A. A promise to _____

- Psalm 110:1 “1 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.”
- Matthew 22:42-46 “42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? 46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.”

B. Angels are God _____ (v14)

- Romans 13:11 “11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.”
- 1 Peter 1:5 “5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”