

Hebrews 1:2-14

LESSON 04

Better than the Angels

1. Heb 1:2-3 - The Son

- a. "Last days" and "us" make it clear that the audience is not the mystery church
- b. Did God have a son? – Prov 30:4, Dan 3:25, Isa 7:14, Matt 11:27
- c. Describing the Son: "*heir of all things*", Creator - John 1:1-3
- d. "*brightness*" - 2 Pet 1:16, Matt 17:5; "*image*" - John 14:9, Col 1:15-18
- e. "*by himself purged our sins*" - no other sacrifice/priest needed -Heb 7:27, 9:12-14

2. Heb 1:4 - Why Angels?

- a. Angels were messengers of God to Israel - Exo 3:2, Act 7:53, Ps 68:17, Ga 3:19
- b. Angels are smarter and more obedient than men - Ps 103:20-21
- c. Skeptics who deny the spiritual say angels don't exist, but they believe in aliens
- d. Superstitions and myths are corruptions of the true in the Bible
- e. Beware: visions of angels, alien abductions, and Satan - 2 Cor 11:14, Gal 1:8

3. Heb 1:4-6 - "better than the angels"

- a. "*this day have I begotten thee*" - Ps 2:6-7 (see Act 13:33, Heb 5:5, Ps 89:27)
- b. Begotten = A son made after the father's likeness - John 1:14, 18
- c. We know he was man born of a woman, we know he was God in resurrection
- d. The first time a man was declared to be the Son of God - Rom 1:4, John 3:16, 17:5
- e. A man does not rise above the angels except in Christ: God manifest in the flesh
- f. "*I will be to him a Father*" - 2 Sam 7:13-14 - the Son of David
- g. "*angels of God worship him*" - Ps 97:7, Gen 28:12/Jo 1:51; Luke 2:13, Neh 9:6

4. Heb 7-14 - Who Serves Who

- a. The angels ministered to Jesus - Matt 4:11, Ps 104:4, Psa 148:2
- b. "*unto the Son*" - Ps 45:6-7 - Hebrews doesn't mention the prophets name
- c. "*thy throne, O God*" - A deity verse just like Heb 1:3, and Heb 1:10
- d. "*thy kingdom... sceptre*" - He has all authority and power (on earth in the future)
- e. 1:10 - "*and*" - speaking to the Son in Ps 102:25-27 as the unchanging Creator God
- f. "*but thou art the same*" - Heb 13:8 - Jesus Christ is more than just a minister
- g. Tell that to the JW's, Mormons, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, and George Bush
- h. "*Sit on my right hand, until I make*" - Says the Father to Christ - Ps 110:1
- i. "*heirs of salvation*" - These are those who were promised it: believing Israel