

sermon notes

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Sept 25, 2022 | “Angels Inferior” | **Hebrews 1:5-14**

Five ways the Son is superior to the angels:

- 1) The Son is _____ of the Father
(Heb 1:5; cf. Ps 2:7; 2 Sam 7:14)
- 2) The Son is _____ as the firstborn
(Heb 1:6; cf. Deut 32:43)
- 3) The Son is _____ as the King
(Heb 1:7-9; cf. Ps 45:6-7; 104:4)
- 4) The Son is _____ and immutable
(Heb 1:10-12; cf. Ps 102:25-27)
- 5) The Son is _____ at the right hand of the Father (Heb 1:13-14; cf. Ps 110:1)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 1:5-14. The author of this book gives an extensive discussion about the Son’s superiority to the angels. How are angels misconceived in our modern world? Give some examples of the ways in which angels are represented in our modern world (paintings, film, books, etc.). Why is there such a fascination with angels in our world? Where do these ideas of angels come from? Watch the following video for a better understanding of angelology:
<https://app.vidgrid.com/view/rHhVoocl6Sph>

How do people typically respond to angels when they appear in the Bible? Give some examples. How might a first century Christian’s view of angels differ from someone in the twenty-first century? Why did the author of Hebrews need to address the superiority of Jesus to angels in 1:5-14? List some ways that Jesus is misunderstood and misrepresented in our day. How is Hebrews 1 a corrective for the way Jesus is often described in our world?

GET PERSONAL

When people share the gospel, they sometimes focus on what Jesus has done for us on the cross without describing who Jesus is. If you were sharing your faith with someone, how might you explain who Jesus is while also explaining what he has done for us?

Read Psalm 2. The description of Jesus in this passage is as an enthroned King. How do you feel about submitting to the kingship of Jesus? Are you more enthralled with Jesus as your Messiah or Savior than as your King? Is Messiahship linked to Kingship? For more on this, you can watch the following sermon on Psalm 2:

<https://vimeo.com/745220024>

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

When you speak of Jesus to others, which do you (inadvertently) emphasize more: his deity or his humanity? Why is it important to emphasize both? How might you emphasize his deity in conversation? How might you emphasize his humanity?

ADVANCED QUESTION

The author of Hebrews quotes seven OT passages in Hebrews 1:5-14. Look up all of these passages and describe their context. What surprises you about the Hebrews’ author’s use of those texts? Would you interpret those OT texts the way that he does? Does this author (as well as the other NT authors) have apostolic privilege (i.e. a Holy Spirit inspired privilege) to interpret passages in ways that are different than us? For more on this issue, read the following interview of Abner Chou: <https://mikralab.org/news/2019/3/21/abner-chou-and-biblical-hermeneutics-an-interview#>