

Jesus

"Going through a long line of prophets, God has been addressing our ancestors in different ways for centuries. Recently he spoke to us directly through his Son. By his Son, God created the world in the beginning, and it will all belong to the Son at the end. This Son perfectly mirrors God, and is stamped with God's nature. He holds everything together by what he says—
powerful words!

After he finished the sacrifice for sins, the Son took his honored place high in the heavens right alongside God, far higher than any angel in rank and rule. Did God ever say to an angel, 'You're my Son; today I celebrate you'? Or, 'I'm his Father, he's my Son'? When he presents his honored Son to the world he says, 'All angels must worship him.'

Regarding angels he says,

The messengers are winds,
the servants are tongues of fire.

But he says to the Son,

You're God, and on the throne for good;
your rule makes everything right.
You love it when things are right;
you hate it when things are wrong.
That is why God, your God,
poured fragrant oil on your head,
Marking you out as King,
far above your dear companions.

And again to the Son,

You, Master, started it all, laid earth's foundation,
then crafted the stars in the sky.
Earth and sky will wear out, but not you;
they become threadbare like an old coat;
You'll fold them up like a worn-out cloak,
and lay them away on the shelf.
But you'll stay the same, year after year;
you'll never fade, you'll never wear out.
And did he ever say anything like this to an angel?
Sit alongside me here on my throne
until I make your enemies a tool for your feet.

Isn't it obvious that all angels are sent to help out with those lined up to receive salvation?"

Hebrews 1:1-14 (The Message Remix)

THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS:

To present the sufficiency and superiority of Jesus.

The writer starts with the reality that Jesus is greater than the angels and he uses the Old Testament to prove it.

Hebrews 1:5,6—Psalm 2:7—Christ is "Son of God", a title never given to an angel.

Hebrews 1:7,14—Psalm 104:4—Angels are important as servants under God.

Hebrews 1:8,9—Psalm 45:6—Christ's Kingdom is forever.

Hebrews 1:10—Psalm 102:25—Christ is the Creator of the world.

Hebrew 1:13—Psalm 110:1—Christ is given unique honor by God.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- Jesus is the exact representation of God—He is God himself.
- Jesus alone can forgive our sin which separates us from God.
- Jesus has secured our forgiveness and salvation by his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead!
- Our acceptance of Christ as Savior and Leader begins an eternal relationship with God.
- No angel can do any of the above !

AFTER WE BECOME A CHRISTIAN, WHAT DOES JESUS WANT OR EXPECT FROM US?

- ❖ He expects us to be wiser !
- ❖ He expects us to love other Christians!
- ❖ He expects us to learn from our sin!
- ❖ He expects us to wrestle with the great questions/issues of our day.

For what are you living?

To what great purpose are you giving yourself?

YOU MATTER TO GOD