

Greater Than Angels

What We Will Learn in this Series!

1. Jesus Christ is better than anything this world has to offer!
2. We please our Lord when we express our faith in action!

The Book of Hebrews

Some call it the “Fifth Gospel.”

The Key Words:

Jesus (Christ) — 29 times	Better (superior, greater) — 22 times
Let Us — 16 times	Faith — 35 times

The Outline of the Book

1. Jesus Christ is greater than anything! (Chapters 1-10)
2. Our faith (and resultant action) is the greatest thing we can do to please Jesus Christ. (Chapters 11-13)

The Introduction to the Book

"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven." -Heb. 1:1-3

Seven Ways that Jesus is Greater than Angels

Why Start with Angels? —

1. He has been designated a different name.

"So He became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is superior to theirs." - Hebrews 1:4

"...then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed." - Acts 4:10

"... that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" - Philippians 2:10

"His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself." - Revelation 19:12

2. He enjoys a different relationship. He is the Son!

"For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be His Father, and He will be my Son"? And again, when God brings His firstborn into the world" - Heb. 1:5

"And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." - Matthew 3:17

3. He receives a different response; worship!

"And again, when God brings His firstborn into the world, He says, "Let all God's angels worship Him." - Hebrews 1:6

"At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." - Revelation 19:10

4. He has a different nature.

"In speaking of the angels He says, "He makes His angels winds, His servants flames of fire." But about the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom." - Hebrews 1:7,8

5. He has a different eternity.

"He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands." - Hebrews 1:10

6. He has a different position (or seat).

"To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? - Hebrews 1:13

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." - Hebrews 12:2

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"Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" - Hebrews 1:14

How Do We Apply This Message?

1. Don't ignore this great salvation for there is great peril.
2. Study the evidence of the words of Jesus and of those who wrote the Scriptures! Jesus is all you need.
3. Be cautious of signs, wonders, angel experiences, etc. These things are not Scripture, and are subject to Scripture. They are only to testify to our salvation!

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