

1. Hebrews 1:3-2:5:

- a. You cannot help, (after reading this), to ask the question, WHY, Lord is there so much emphasis on Christ being so much better than the angels?
- b. The angels of God continually serve God in His presence... and they also minister, serve, and protect the people of God.
 - i. Psalm 34:7: "The angel of the LORD encamps round about them that fear Him and delivers them". Hebrews 1:14
- c. To help us understand WHY the writer of Hebrews placed so much emphasis on The Lord Jesus' supremacy over the angels, we must go back to Mount Sinai and the giving of the law. WHY? Because God used the angels in the giving of the law on Sinai!

2. God was accompanied by thousands of angels when He descended on Mount Sinai. They were active participants in this glorious task.

- a. Now, you don't read anything about angels (being there) in Exodus 19 or 20 but (in searching the scriptures) we learn that God had a very large court of "angelic attendants" with Him that day.
 - i. This is why it is so important for every one of you to READ the WHOLE Word of God. (Whole Books) Otherwise, you will MISS key truths that help you to understand the WHOLE of God's revealed will!
- b. In these passages, we can see that God had a glorious angelic entourage, thousands of ministering angels that accompanied Him to Mount Sinai, who were actively employed by Him in the giving of the law.
 - i. Deuteronomy 33:1-2, 2 Corinthians 3:7-11, Psalm 68:17, Acts 7:51-53, Galatians 3:19-20, Hebrews 2:1-3 > Note once again in this passage the "Absolute Supremacy of Christ" over the angels.
- c. The angels were God's intermediaries on Mount Sinai, AND NOW, here was Jesus, the Son of God, who did not preach the gospel through the medium of angels, nor was He accompanied by a glorious and majestic entourage when came into the world, but He came alone, veiled in the flesh of humanity, lowly, clothed in meekness, preaching the message of the Kingdom Himself!
 - i. Because of all this glory on Mount Sinai, the Hebrew Christians were inclined to worship the angels rather than God's own Son who came rather silently into the world! Born not in a palace, but in a stable!

3. The angels are God's attendants, His servants, and His ministers!

- a. If you saw an angel, you would fall on your face... but the angel would tell you to GET UP, do not worship me, but only Christ! Revelation 22:8-9
- b. The "Chariot of Fire" that parted Elijah from Elisha and took him up to heaven was none other than the angels of God! Swift, flying, burning ones!
 - i. Seraphim means "burning, fiery, shining ones". Hebrews 1:7

- c. The angel Gabriel was commanded to fly swiftly to minister to Daniel, he was also sent to bring news to Elisabeth and Mary. God's holy angels told the shepherds in the fields on that holy night that Jesus had been born!
 - i. God's holy angels ministered to Christ after His long temptation by the devil, and also after He agonized at Gethsemane before His cross.
- d. It was an angel that rolled back the stone at His resurrection and sat on it! The angels accompanied the Lord Jesus when He rode victoriously into heaven when He ascended to His Father's throne. And the angels will ride with Him when He returns to judge the world in righteousness!

4. No doubt the angels of God are glorious! But Jesus is SO MUCH BETTER than the angels!

- a. He has always been exalted above the angels because He is God and the Creator of the angels! The words "being made" or "having become" do not signify that His coming into the world was His "actual beginning"!
- b. These words point to a specific time in the history of humanity when Jesus willingly and voluntarily descended (stepped down) from His eternal glory into the world to put on human flesh. THIS amazed the angels!
- c. This to fulfill Genesis 3:15... that He might face and defeat death, the penalty for our sins, and to satisfy God's justice and just punishment against a world of rebels and sinners, and then rise victoriously from death and the grave, to redeem, reclaim, and give eternal life to lost and fallen sinners, and to give them an inheritance among all the saints! NO ANGEL DID THIS!

5. Hebrews 1:4: Jesus by inheritance has OBTAINED a more excellent name than the angels!

- a. He accomplished this in His humiliation and condescension into the world, by His work, His life, His death on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead!
 - i. Philippians 2:6-9, Colossians 1:18-19. NO ANGEL has obtained or earned a more excellent Name than Jesus, the Son of God.

6. The answer to the writer's (2) questions in Hebrews 1:5 is... God has never said any of these things to any of the angels.

- a. But what is meant by "this day have I begotten thee"? We might be inclined to think that this is written about the birth of Christ. But look harder. The words "THIS DAY" are a direct quote from Psalms 2:7... Beloved, the writer is not speaking of Jesus' birth, but of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.
 - i. Acts 13:26-33, Colossians 1:18, Revelation 1:4-5
- b. THIS DAY belongs to Christ alone! It speaks of His victorious resurrection from the dead, His ascension, and His excellent glory in being seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high!

- i. No angels, only Christ has this glorious honor! And again, as written in (V6-7), let all the angels worship Christ, for they are His servants.

7. And then in (V8-14): Only Jesus, God's Son, has been given God's throne!

- a. No angel has been given a throne, much less the throne of God! No angel is King! These are direct quotes from Psalm 45:6-7, 102:25-27.
 - i. Hebrews 1:13: No angel has the right to sit at God's right hand. Hebrews 1:14. THEREFORE: Hebrews 2:1-3 ~ Expl.

8. Closing: This same Jesus who came into the world meek and lowly, who died at the hands of sinful men for sinners, now sits upon the throne that is above every earthly throne and dominion, He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

- a. One day soon, the Lord Jesus is gonna get off His throne and return for His people, when He comes again the 2nd time.
- b. On THAT DAY, He won't be emptying Himself of His glory, but He will come "in His glory, unveiled" for all the world to see. On that day, EVERY EYE shall see Him, and YES, ON THAT DAY, He will have a glorious entourage of holy angels with Him; and He will summon every human that ever lived to His glorious throne, and when He sits down again, He will judge the world in righteousness!
 - i. Romans 2:16: It is written: "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel".
 - ii. Matthew 25:32: "And before Him shall be gathered all nations: (every person that ever lived), and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats."
- c. Will you turn from your sins today you who are lost? Will you bow to Him to whom the holy angels bow? John 3:3.
 - i. Last week, thousands flocked to Texas and Arkansas to see a solar eclipse, gazing up into the face of the sun as it was eclipsed by the moon. When Jesus returns, you won't have to go to a certain place to see Him, for every eye shall see Him...if you're lost, you're going to wish you didn't see Him. If you're saved, you're going to look up at your Lord, Your Victorious King, and you're going to rejoice!