

## Greater Than The Angels #2

Last week we looked at some of the Hebrew writer's arguments in chapter 1 that Jesus is greater than the angels. We will now look at the final arguments and the conclusion in chapter 2.

Hebrews 1:10-12 says, *"And: 'You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.'"* The point is that Jesus never had a beginning and never will have an end, unlike the angels who were created, just like everything else God made. In fact, Jesus would have been involved in creating the angels and everything else, since He is God (Genesis 1:26; John 1:1-3).

Vss. 13-14 says, *"But to which of the angels has He ever said: 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"* This is the final argument, much like one he had made previously. Vs. 13 is a quotation from Psalm 110:1, which is a prophecy of Jesus' reign in Heaven after His task was completed on earth. This passage has been fulfilled and that is where Jesus is right now: at the right hand of God, reigning on His throne. Vs. 14 shows that angels are not beings that reign. They are those that serve which once again puts Jesus superior to them!

The writer finally concludes in Hebrews 2:1-3: *"Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him."* "The things that we have heard" refers to the words that Jesus spoke. It is necessary that we embrace and obey them before we drift away and become lost! Vs. 2 tells us that angels used to deliver the word of God to the fathers of old (Hebrews 1:1). When someone disobeyed the words spoken by angels they were punished for it. Now for the conclusion! Since Jesus is greater than the angels, His words are greater. And if someone disobeyed the angel's words and was punished, there is absolutely no way we will escape if we neglect that great and wonderful salvation Jesus brought us. The salvation Jesus brought is something no angel could every offer: complete forgiveness and the promise of eternal life to all who obey Him (Hebrews 5:8-9; 1 John 1:9; John 11:25).

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