



Hebrews

The Supremacy of Jesus

Jesus: Greater than the Angels
Class #2

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What The Bible Says About Angels

For the recipients of this letter the knowledge of angels as supernatural beings is woven throughout the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament).

The Bible only explicitly names two of the angels, Gabriel (Luke 1:26) and Michael (Daniel 10:13). But the Bible appears to indicate a few types or classes of angels:

Archangels – Such as Michael, chief angels

Cherubim – Such as the angel placed in front of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:24)

Seraphim - Angels with six wings, known for praising God

Angels

Facts About Angels

- They are spirit beings
- They often appear as men
- They were created by God
- They have no gender
- They are intellectual/free will
- They were present at creation

Referred to as:

- Heavenly power (Psalm 29:10)
- Holy ones (Psalm 89:5)
- Watchers (Deuteronomy 4:13)
- Council (Psalm 89:7)
- Congregation (Host) (Psalm 82:1)
- Spirits (Hebrews 1:14)

Other Functions

- Powers/Principalities/Dominions

Positive – Colossians 1:16

Negative – Ephesians 6:12

- Archangels (1 Thessalonians 4:16)
- Angel of God/Lord (Genesis 22:11-18)
- Sons of God (Job 38:7)

Angels Serve God in Many Ways

- Messengers (Genesis 19:13; Luke 1:1ff)
- Destroyers (Exodus 12:1ff)
- Ministers (Matthew 4:11; Luke 22:43)
- Worshipers (Psalm 103:21)
- Guardians (Daniel 12:1; Matthew 18:10)

Summary Statement

Hebrews 1:4 NKJV

4 Having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Here we have a summary statement:

- 1. Jesus is better than angels.*
- 2. Jesus has a better “name” or position than the angels.*

Seven arguments proving, biblically, that Jesus is better than the angels.

Arguments begin. #1

Hebrews 1:5a

5a *“For to which of the angels did He ever say: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten you.’”*

Psalm 2:7

7 “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Arguments continued. #2

Hebrews 1:5b

5b “And, again: ‘I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son’?”

2 Samuel 7:12-16

12 “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of me. 15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” ‘ “

Arguments continued. #3

Hebrews 1:6

6 “But when He again brings ‘the firstborn into the world, He says: ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’”

Deuteronomy 32:43 (NLT only)

43 Rejoice with him, you heavens, and let all of God’s angels worship him. Rejoice with his people, you Gentiles, and let all the angels be strengthened in him. For he will avenge the blood of his children; he will take revenge against his enemies. He will repay those who hate him and cleanse his people’s land.”

Arguments continued. #4

Hebrews 1:7

7 “And of the angels He says: ‘Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.’”

Psalms 104:4

4 “Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

Argument continued. #5

Hebrews 1:8-9

8 “But to the Son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.’”

Arguments continue. #6

Hebrews 1: 10–12

*10 “And: ‘You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You
remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will
fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your
years will not fail.’”*

Arguments conclude. #7

Hebrews 1:13-14

13 “But to which of the angels has He ever said: ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”