

## **Bible Study – Hebrews chapter 1:5-14 The Supremacy of God’s Son – part 2**

In our first study, the writer shows who Jesus Christ is and his extraordinary attributes. We see him as Creator, as King, as Omnipotent, and as Saviour. The writer also shows that the centerpiece of our faith, Jesus Christ, is supreme over all things. Tonight, we will see how Jesus is supreme over the angels, spiritual figures that were held in high esteem in the Old Testament to the present writing of Hebrews.

### **Read Hebrews 1:5-14**

The writer, having established his basis for why Jesus Christ is supreme amongst creation, now compares Jesus with angels, created beings that are highly intelligent and moral, and were viewed as supreme creatures.

**Q.** How do the people in the Bible view angels and what are their reactions? (cf. Mark 16:5; Psalm 103:20; 2 Peter 2:11; Daniel 10:2-6; Genesis 18:1-4; Luke 1:26-29; Revelation 19:10) Why do you think those who have seen angels, hold them in such high esteem (cf. Genesis 19:11; 2 Kings 19:35; Daniel 6:22)?

**Q.** (v.5, 13) What is the writer trying to show with these verses regarding angels and Jesus Christ in relation to God the Father? (quotes cf. Psalm 2:7; 2 Samuel 7:14 or 1 Chronicles 17:13; Psalm 110:1) In v.13, what does it mean to ‘sit at my right hand’ and why is this a sign of superiority (cf. Romans 8:34; 1 Peter 3:22)?

**Q. (v.6-7, 14)** What are the roles of angels within these passages (quotes – cf. Deuteronomy 32:43; Psalm 104:4)?

**Q. (v.8-9)** What is the writer illustrating regarding Christ's rule with this quote from Psalm 45:6-7? What did the Psalmist's write about Jesus Christ that would earn Him the right to rule? (cf. John 8:45-47)

**Q. (v.10-12)** What is the writer showing about Christ with the quote from Psalm 102:25-27? When looking back at the previous passage set, what is the overarching theme related to Jesus (v. 8, 12)? Why is this important?

The writer of Hebrews shows his readers, in convincing fashion, the superiority of Jesus Christ over the angels in the following seven (7) aspects: 1.) He is the Son of God (v.5a), 2.) He is the promised son of David (v.5b), 3.) He is the supreme authority whom angels worship as Yahweh (v.6), 4.) His ministry is not that of a temporary servant like the angels (v.7), 5.) His ministry is that of the eternal Ruler and King (vv. 8-9), 6.) He is the immutable (unchanging) Creator (vv.10-12), and 7.) He is the supreme authority who will rule over as Victor over all His enemies (v.13).

The writer is setting the basis for the rest of the epistle that by showing the superiority of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of our lives, that all else that came before or anything that tries to measure up to Him follows terribly short.