

BETTER THAN THE ANGELS

Text: Heb. 1:4-14

- Quick facts about the angels:
 - _____ beings
 - _____ beings, not flesh and blood
 - Glorious, powerful, holy
 - Extremely _____
 - Travel _____ but not omnipresent
 - Several hierarchies or orders
 - Greater than _____
 - Involved in the giving of the _____ (Ps. 68:17, Acts 7:53, Gal. 3:19)
 - Not better than Christ

I. CHRIST'S MORE EXCELLENT _____ (vs. 4-5)

A. His Name Inherited

- Vs. 4, two reasons why Christ is superior to angels:
 - In His accomplishments and in His _____
 - The more excellent name He has inherited is that of _____.

B. His Name Identified

- Vs. 5, two quotations from the Old Testament:
 - Ps. 2:7:
 - "Son" = _____ with the Father (John 5:18)
 - "Begotten" = of Christ:
 - Begotten in His _____ (in humanity but not deity).
 - Begotten in His Resurrection (as the firstborn from the _____).
 - Begotten when He takes His throne (as fully adopted heir of the Father).
 - Begotten in _____.
 - 2 Samuel 7:13-14:
 - A prophecy to David regarding Solomon, but also of Christ as the _____ heir of David.

II. CHRIST'S MORE EXCELLENT _____ (vs. 6)

A. His Worth _____ (quotation from Ps. 97:5-7)

B. His Worth Described

- Firstbegotten (firstborn) = Christ is first in _____ and preeminence (Col. 1:15-16a)
- Prophecy fulfilled partially at Christ's first coming but ultimately at His Second Coming.

C. His Worth Determined

- Since Christ the Son is _____ by angels, He must be greater than the angels. They give worship; He receives it (Rev. 22:8-9).

III. CHRIST'S MORE EXCELLENT _____ (vs. 7-12)

A. His Nature Contrasted

- The nature of angels (quoting Ps. 104:4) is that of _____ and ministers.
- The nature of the Son is to _____ because He is God.

B. His Nature Confirmed

- Vs. 8-9, quoting Ps. 45:6-7
 - _____—anointed and entitled to an eternal throne
 - Divine—addressed by the Father as _____
 - Righteous—absolutely holy and right, loving all that is right, hating all that is evil; and ruling in perfect righteousness over the nations.
 - _____
 - As the Messiah
 - By the _____ (John 3:34, Acts 10:38)
- Vs. 10-12, quoting Ps. 102:25-27:
 - Divine—"And" links what is said to God in Ps. 102 to the Son (vs. 8).
 - _____:
 - The One Who existed _____ the present creation.
 - The One Who _____ the present creation.
 - The One Who will "fold up" and "put away" the present creation when it suits Him.
 - The One Who will exist long after the present creation is no more; _____ God.

IV. CHRIST'S MORE EXCELLENT _____ (vs. 13-14)

- His position = on the _____
- The angels' position = as humble _____ of the King (Ps. 103:20-21).

CONCLUSION

- Two applications for believers:
 - Are you _____ God like the angels?
 - Are you _____ righteousness and hating wickedness like the Son (Eph. 5:1, 10-11)?