

Precept Upon Precept-Hebrews

What Does It Mean to You That Jesus is Better Than the Angels, Lesson 5

- Jesus' three-fold Messianic fulfillment
 - 1) Prophet 2) Priest 3) King
- 7 Verses that show that Jesus is better than the angels; If God spoke through the angels, how much more important is it to hold onto what the Son has said? (Hebrews 2:1-3)
 - "better than" references: Hebrews 6:9 (salvation "better than"), Hebrews 7:7,19 (hope "better than"), Hebrews 7:22 (covenant "better than"), Hebrews 8:6 (promises "better than"), Hebrews 9:23 (sacrifices "better than"), Hebrews 10:34 (possessions "better than"), Hebrews 11:39-40 (something "better than", Hebrews 12:24 (blood "better than"))
- 1) Jesus has a more excellent name
 - Hebrews 1:3-4: "And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they."
 - Son "better than" references: Psalm 2:7-9 ("better than" enemies), Luke 1:32 ("better than" David), Mark 1:9-11 ("better than" the prophets), Luke 9:35 (this is my Son), Romans 1:3-4 (Declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection), Acts 13:32-35 (Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise)
 - Angels: Job 38:1,4-7 (Sons of God shouted for joy), Genesis 6:1-2 (Sons who co-habituated with the daughters of men)
 - Other sons of God: Romans 8:14-15: "For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God...you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"
 - We have been adopted by the Father because we have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ
 - We become Sons of God also by participating in the Word
 - John 14:1-3: "...In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."
- 2) Jesus is the King and the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant
 - Hebrews 1:5, II Samuel 7:14: "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men."
 - Jeremiah 23:5: ""Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely, and do justice and righteousness in the land.""

- Psalm 97:7: "Let all those be ashamed who serve graven images, who boast themselves of idols; Worship Him"; He is supreme over all creation; this is why the angels worship Him

3) Jesus is the firstborn

- Psalm 89:27: "I also shall make him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth."
- Colossians 1:15: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."
- Colossian 1:18: "He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything."
- Revelation 1:5: "and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth...and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."
- 1 Corinthians 15:20: "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep."
- Romans 8:29: "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren."
- Hebrews 12:15: "See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled."

4) The angels were His ministers

- Psalm 104:4, Hebrews 1:7: "He makes the winds His messengers, Flaming fire His ministers."

5) Jesus is the one who rules

- Psalm 45:6-7, Hebrews 1:8-9: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom..."
- Hebrews 2:5: "For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking."
- Revelation 2:26-27: "He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father."
- Revelation 5:10: "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."
- 1 Corinthians 6:2, We will judge the angels
- Isaiah 61:1, Jesus is anointed, and we are anointed
- 1 John 2:27, We receive anointing and abide in Jesus
- Hebrews 1:9, Jesus is anointed with the oil of gladness

6) Jesus is the creator; the angels are the created

- Psalm 102:25-27, Hebrews 1:10-12
- Hebrews 12:25-29, Jesus cannot be shaken