

## Sermon Notes

### *There Is No Reason to Turn Back!* *An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews*

#03 – “Christ Superior to Angels” – Hebrews 1:4-9

#### I. Introduction

A. Angels are in vogue.

1. Examples

B. There were many false beliefs about angels in the first century, also.

1. There was much speculation.

2. Paul noted their importance and it was also stated by Stephen – Gal. 3:19; Acts 7:53

#### II. Exposition

A. Hebrews 1:4

1. Consider the excellency of angels

a. They are the highest of God’s creation – Mt. 24:36.

b. They excel in strength – Ps 103:20

c. They are God’s ministers – Ps 104:4

d. They are holy – Mt 25:21

e. Their countenance is like lightning and their raiment is as white as snow – Mt 28:3

f. They surround God’s throne – Rev 5:11

g. They mediated the Law – Acts 7:53

2. Also an important aspect of Philo’s teaching.

3. The **first argument** for Christ’s superiority over angels is that **Jesus inherited a more excellent name.**

B. Hebrews 1:5

1. Heb. 1:5-14 is one paragraph that divides into three sub-paragraphs.

a. Verses 5-6; Verses 7-12; Verses 13-14

2. Notice how the author views divine inspiration of the Old Testament.

a. “Say”, vs. 5; “says”, vs. 6-8; “said”, vs. 13

3. Jesus is superior because of his name – Son. Never used singly of an angel.

4. Verse 5b is a quote of II Sam. 7:14.

a. David’s greater Son could only be Jesus.

1. Lk 1:32; John 7:42; Rev. 5:5

5. Jesus is eternally the Son of God.

C. Hebrews 1:6

1. Note how many Old Testament quotes are woven together to make the author’s case of Christ’s superiority to angels.

Psalm 97:7 – Vs. 6

Psalm 104:4 – Vs. 7

Psalm 45:6 – Vs. 8

Psalm 45:7 – Vs. 9

Psalm 102:25 – Vs. 11

Isaiah 51:6 – Vs. 11

Psalm 102:26 – Vs. 12

Psalm 110:1 – Vs. 13

2. Verse 6 begins the **second argument** for Christ’s superiority – **Angels are commanded to worship Him.**

a. Luke 2:13-14; Rev. 5:6-12

b. “First born” – not first in conception but rather exaltation

3. Verses 7-9. The **third argument** – **Christ is superior because of His divine sovereignty.**

a. Mankind is typically afraid of angels and sometimes wrongly offered them worship – Rev. 19:10.

4. Verse 8-9.

a. Angels as servants.

b. No earthly king could have lived up to their praise.

#### III. Points for Reflection

A. Christ more than deserved His inheritance – Heb. 1:4.

B. I will be a Father to Him and He will be a Son to me.

1. Hebrews 1:5; I Samuel 7:14; I Samuel 7:13

C. With each passing day of life it becomes important that while remembering Jesus’ eternal sonship, we also reflect on our sonship.

1. Galatians 3:23-39