

Hebrews

Lesson 1

Greatness of our Salvation

Today we begin a study in the **Book of Hebrews**, again following the vertical study chart method.

We do not know who wrote Hebrews, but with refreshing directness the author gets right to the point: *Jesus Christ, the glorious Son of God, is second to none and superior to all!* His initial example to prove his thesis is to show how **Christ is superior to the angels** (See attached chart for 1:1-14). Though angels are important, Jesus Christ is far superior to them in *word, position, name, origin, authority, power, duration, and function*

The perspective of this passage goes far beyond earth. Jesus Christ is described here as glorified in Heaven, seated at God's right hand after having completed His redemptive work on earth. The eternal, profound truth of these verses describing the rule, glory and universal superiority of Christ is truly remarkable. Because of His purification for sins, all who believe in Him can have full assurance of their salvation. Our grateful hearts can only respond in sincere worship, holy living and faithful ministry!

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JESUS CHRIST, GLORIOUS SON OF GOD

Jesus Christ is...

Heb. 1:1-14

Through Him he made the Universe	1:1—In the past GOD SPOKE to our ANCESTORS through the PROPHETS at many TIMES and in VARIOUS WAYS, ² but in these LAST DAYS he has SPOKEN to us by HIS SON, whom he appointed HEIR of ALL THINGS, and THROUGH whom ALSO he MADE the UNIVERSE. ³ The SON is the RADIANCE of GOD'S GLORY and the exact REPRESENTATION of his BEING, SUSTAINING all THINGS by his POWERFUL WORD. After he had provided PURIFICATION for SINS, he SAT DOWN at the RIGHT HAND of the MAJESTY in HEAVEN. ⁴ So HE became as MUCH SUPERIOR to the ANGELS as the NAME he has INHERITED is SUPERIOR to THEIRS.	Spoken Heir, Creator, Sustainer, Purifier
Let Angels worship Him	5—For to WHICH of the ANGELS did GOD ever say, "YOU are MY SON; today I have BECOME your FATHER?" Or again, "I will be HIS FATHER and HE will be MY SON?" ⁶ And again, when GOD brings his FIRSTBORN into the WORLD, he says, "Let all GOD'S ANGELS WORSHIP him." ⁷ In speaking of the ANGELS he says, "He MAKES his ANGELS SPIRITS and his SERVANTS FLAMES of FIRE."	Angels God's Firstborn in world
Above your companions, you remain	8—BUT about the SON he says, "Your THRONE, O GOD, will LAST for EVER and EVER; a SCEPTER of JUSTICE will be the SCEPTER of your KINGDOM. You have LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS and HATED WICKEDNESS; therefore GOD; YOUR GOD, has SET you ABOVE your COMPANIONS by ANOINTING you with the OIL of JOY." ¹⁰ He also says, "In the beginning, LORD, you LAID the FOUNDATIONS of the EARTH, and the HEAVENS are the WORK of your HANDS. They will PERISH, but you REMAIN; they will all WEAR OUT like a GARMENT. You will ROLL them UP like a ROBE; like a GARMENT they will be CHANGED. BUT you REMAIN the SAME, and your YEARS will NEVER END."	The Son Eternal, Exalted, Creator, Paramount
Sit at my right	13—To WHICH of the ANGELS did GOD ever say, "SIT at my RIGHT HAND until I MAKE your ENEMIES a FOOTSTOOL for your FEET?" ¹⁴ Are not ALL ANGELS MINISTERING SPIRITS sent to SERVE those who will INHERIT SALVATION?	Serve Sovereign Lord

Appointed Heir & Creator of All

Worshipped by the Angels of God

Set Above & Anointed by God

Sitting at Right Hand of God

The Son is Superior to the Angels in...
 >Word >Glory
 >Power >Name
 >Nature >Origin
 >Work
 >Designation
 >Relationship
 >Essence
 >Authority
 >Duration
 >Position & Function

OT Scripture references:
 >Ps. 2:7.
 >2 Sam. 7:14;
 2 Chron. 17:13.
 >Deut. 32:43.
 >Ps. 104:4.
 >Ps. 45:6,7.
 >Ps. 102:25-27.
 >Ps. 110:1.



(1) The perspective of the Book of Hebrews is of Christ the Son glorified in the Heavens seated at the right hand of the Father after completing His work of redemption on earth. (2) Christ is declared as superior to all, specifically to angels in this passage, and as such He merits worship and complete obedience. (3) The author's purpose was to help the Hebrew Christian believers to recognize and accept the superiority of Jesus Christ over everyone and everything. (4) He will warn them not to return to the practices and traditions of Judaism, thus attempting to create an impossible syncretism between Christianity and Judaism which would negate the Person, work and power of the glorified, ascended Son. (5) The angels have an important ministry of service to God and believers, but they are inferior to the Son in every way. (6) Noteworthy areas of theology: Christology, Soteriology, Angelology and Eschatology. (7) The truth in these verses declaring the rule, glory and superiority of Christ at the right hand of the Father gives me assurance of my salvation and a grateful heart!