



# PRESSING ON

TO MATURITY

*A Study of the Book of Hebrews*

THE TRUTH  
ABOUT ANGELS  
HEBREWS 1:4-14

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**Introduction:** Angels are fascinating, mysterious, and very real beings who minister to us. But they are no substitute for Jesus Christ. As the writer of Hebrews continues to develop his argument for the superiority of Christ to every aspect of Judaism, he demonstrates how Jesus is superior to the angels who Jesus created to serve Him and us.

## I. The Reality Of Angels

Acts 5:19 “But an angel of the Lord during the night opened the gates of the prison and taking them [the apostles] out...”

### What Does The Bible Reveal To Us About Angels?

#### A. Their Creation

Colossians 1:16 “For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him.”

Revelation 5:11 “And I [John] looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,”

Luke 20: 34-37 <sup>34</sup> “And Jesus said to them, ‘The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage; <sup>36</sup> for neither can they die anymore, for they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the burning bush, where he calls THE LORD THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.’”

## B. Their Personality

### 1. Angels have an intellect

1 Peter 1:11-12 <sup>11</sup> “[The prophets] seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them [the prophets] that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.”

### 2. Angels have emotion

### 3. Angels have a will

## C. Their Appearance

Hebrews 13:2 “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

## II. Christ’s Superiority To The Angels (Hebrews 1:4-14)

Hebrews 1:4 “[Jesus] having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.”

### A. Christ Possesses a Superior Name (Hebrews 1:4-5)

Hebrews 1:4-5 <sup>4</sup> “[Jesus] having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did He ever say, ‘THOU ART MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE?’ And again, ‘I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM, AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME?’”

### **B. Christ Is a Superior Object of Worship** (Hebrews 1:6)

Hebrews 1:6 “And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, ‘AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.’”

Revelation 19:10 “And I [John] fell at his [the angel’s] feet to worship him. And he said to me, ‘Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’”

### **C. Christ Rules Over a Superior Kingdom** (Hebrews 1:7-12)

Hebrews 1:7 “And of the angels He says, ‘WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.’”

### **D. Christ Will Enjoy a Superior Victory** (Hebrews 1:13)

Hebrews 1:13 “But to which of the angels has He ever said, ‘SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET?’”

### **III. The Purpose Of Angels** (Hebrews 1:14)

Hebrews 1:14 “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?”

Conclusion