

JESUS IS MIGHTIER THAN ANGELS

HEBREWS 1:7-14

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The Scriptures teach you to have a right perspective in comparing angels to Jesus. Jesus created not only our world but the massive universe. Angels are created beings, but Jesus existed with the Father in eternity. Angels are powerful beings but their power is microscopic in comparison to the might of Jesus. Therefore, God's Word teaches you that you should not to pray to the lesser beings (whether angels, saints, or dead people) but you should pray to the greater, Jesus Christ.

CHRIST RULES. ANGELS SERVE. Angels are very strong beings who do Christ's bidding and they can appear in different forms. They are Christ's servants, sent to serve those who will inherit salvation. They are not intermediaries between mankind and God as is Jesus. (Hebrews 1:7a, 14, fn 1:14, Colossians 1:16, fn 1:16, Luke 1:8-20, fn 1:11, 12, Luke 2:8-15, fn 2:8-15) *Why should you not pray to angels or to any other intermediary?*

CHRIST IS THE ANOINTED ONE. Jesus' character is the same as God's. It is part of God's righteous character to hate sin and love righteousness. In fact, He hates sin so much that Jesus died for us to rid us of its awful consequences. He was anointed by the Father for this very purpose. "Jesus was given the greatest anointing of the Spirit in the history of the human race for one reason: to bring good news to the poor (us)." Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr., Isaiah: God Saves Sinners, p. 409. Jesus, through the power of the gospel, delivers us from sin, guilt, trouble, heartbreak, and bondage. He understands our pain and He is the only one who replaces it with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in your distress, He is the only one through whom we can come to the Father. He is the anointed one, and there is no one else between you and the Father to whom you can pray. (Hebrews 1:8, 9, Isaiah 61:1-3, fn 61:1 2, Luke 4:16-21, fn 4:17-21, Acts 10:38, Philippians 4:4-7, fn 4:7, Hebrews 4:14-16, fn 4:15, Matthew 23:37, fn 23:37[1st] II Corinthians 1:3-5, fn 1:3-5) *What should you do when you are distressed and how will you do that?*

CHRIST REMAINS CHANGELESS. Your life in Christ has its foundation and its promises based on the changeless Christ (His attribute of immutability). This present world will pass away, but Christ in you is your guarantee that you possess eternal salvation. The exalted Christ uses His His Word, His Spirit, and even His world and His angels to build His changeless character into your life. Christ uses the angels instead of the angels using Him. (Hebrews 1:10-14, fn 1:11, 12, fn 1:12, Hebrews 13:8, fn 13:8, Psalms 102:25-27, fn 102:25-27, James 1:17) *Why is knowing that Jesus is changeless important in your personal relationship with Him?*

As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?