

JESUS IS GREATER THAN ANGELS

HEBREWS 1:4-6

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

BACKGROUND: Hebrews emphasizes how God speaks to you by the Scriptures (5:5, 6); and, as He speaks, His Word is living and active. (4:12) Notice how many times God speaks in verses 1:2-13. When you have a personal relationship with the Lord, you know that God speaks to you not only in the Word of God but also by His presence. (Ephesians 1:13, fn 1:13, 14) You now move from sacrifice to exaltation!

GREATER BY NAME—The Lord spoke through Nathan who prophesied to David that his seed would establish a royal throne that would last forever. The human Davidic lineage failed, but the divine lineage gave us the promised Son, Jesus, eternally named the Son by the Father. His kingdom is now our kingdom and it will last forever. Angels (God’s messengers) have no such lineage. (Hebrews 1:4, 5, fn 1:4, II Samuel 7:8-16, fn 7:8-16, Luke 1:29-33, fn 1:32, 33, Ephesians 1:18-22, fn 1:20-22, Romans 1:3, 4, fn 1:3, 4, fn 1:3-5, Hebrews 12:27-29, fn 12:27-29) *What does Jesus’ name Son in relation to the angels mean to you?*

GREATER BY HONOR—To be firstborn does not necessarily refer to birthing sequence, but to the one so designated, like Solomon who was the tenth of David’s sons. “The title is one of rank and honor, for the firstborn receives the inheritance and the special blessing. Christ is the ‘Firstborn of all creation’ (Col. 1:15 NASV) because He created all things, and He is the highest of all who came back from the dead.” Warren W. Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary, New Testament, Volume 1, p. 281. (Hebrews 1:6a, fn 1:5, 6, Colossians 1:15-20, fn 1:15, 16, fn 1:18, Psalm 89:27, Genesis 25:24-34, fn 25:32, 33, Hebrews 12:14-23) *As firstborn, why is Jesus superior to the angels and why should you see Him as firstborn?*

GREATER BY WORTHY OF WORSHIP—The angels are not worthy of worship. The angels are magnanimous in their worship of Jesus. They know that Jesus is superior, and they extend their worship, praise, and devotion to Him (their Creator). As we worship and praise Jesus, the Holy Spirit works in us to make us more like Him and makes our devotion to Him and our fellowship with Him become more real to us. (Hebrews 1:6b, fn 1:4ff, Psalm 97, fn 97:7, Revelation 19:5-10, fn 19:10, Romans 12:1, fn 12:1, Hebrews 10:1-3, fn 10:3, John 4:21-24, fn 4:24, I Peter 1:8, 9) *Why do angels worship Jesus and why and when do you worship Jesus?*

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?