

The Glory of Jesus Christ

Hebrews 1-2

I. Hebrews 1 . . . Jesus is Better than the Angels by Nature and Inheritance.

- A. Rather than a message by prophets, we have the gospel from the Son of God (1-2).
- B. What a descriptive statement of the Lord Jesus Christ (3)! Give glory to our Lord!
- C. The words “by himself” are deleted from all modern Bible versions (3).
- D. This “made so much better” was at His ascension (4; Acts 2:36; Is 53:12; Phil 2:9).
- E. He is God’s glorious begotten Son by His resurrection (5; Acts 13:33; Ro 1:4; Rev 1:5).
- F. What is an angel for human comprehension – a spirit with the appearance of fire (7)!
- G. He is God, by prophecy and quotation of Psalm 45:6-7, which is not God’s throne (8).
- H. He is the eternal Creator God to govern and outlast His creation (10; Psalm 102:25-27).
- I. He is the Lord of David, as Jesus taught the Pharisees (13; Ps 110:1; Matt 22:41-46).
- J. Angels are only servants of the elect: they are very inferior to the Son of God (14).

II. Hebrews 2 . . . Jesus is Better than the Angels by Redemption and His Priesthood.

- A. Since Jesus is greater than angels, we should give more attention to the gospel (1).
- B. If breaking Moses’ law brought judgment, how much more the gospel (2-4)!
- C. The angels are not in charge of the world to come, but the Lord Jesus surely is (5)!
- D. Does Psalm 8 apply to mankind in general or to One Man Only (6-8)?
- E. “But we see Jesus” . . . is the fulfillment of Psalm 8, for He is crowned now (9).
- F. The “every man” is every man of His sons (10), the saints (11), His brethren (11-14).
- G. In the infinite wisdom of God the suffering of Christ further became Him (10).
- H. Jesus Christ took on our very nature in order to redeem us from sin (11).
- I. Jesus participated in a congregation of saints here on earth (12; Matt 26:30)).
- J. Jesus trusted in the Lord, just as did His brethren (13; Psalm 22:9).
- K. Jesus will own and present all these children and brethren to God (13; Is 8:18).
- L. Since we were under the curse of death, He took on Himself our nature (14).
- M. This nature required the invisible, eternal, Spirit God to take flesh and blood (14).
- N. The devil only had the power of death by seducing our parents into sin (14).
- O. The fear of death – funerals and cemeteries – has been destroyed by Jesus (15).
- P. Angels are only our servants, and He took our nature rather than theirs (16).
- Q. Not only was He made like us for the same nature and unity of kind (17).
- R. But He was made like us to be a merciful and faithful high priest (17).
- S. He made reconciliation to God for the sins of the people (17).
- T. And He is able to help us in all our temptations, for He was also tempted (18).