

Jesus—Better Than the Angels

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1. HIS **DEITY** - vs. 4-5

Jesus possesses "a more excellent name" than the angels. He bears the name "God's Son." This "more excellent name" is a name inherited. How did He inherit this name?

A) *Incarnation*.... "begotten" / "this day"

B) *Exaltation*... "For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son." Nowhere in Scripture did God ever say to an angel, "Thou art my son." Vs. 5 continues, "And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" To no angel did God ever speak of having such a distinct and unique relationship.

2. HIS **SOVEREIGNTY** - vs. 6-7

In vs. 6 we read, "**And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, He said, And let all the angels of God worship Him.**" The word "*firstbegotten*" speaks of a position. It is a title which means "the Chief one." God said to all the angels, "Worship Him." This makes Jesus superior to the angels. It is not Jesus worshipping the angels, but the angels worshipping Him – the Chief One. We read in vs. 7, "**And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.**" The word *ministers* speaks of servants. Angels are servants. Christ is SOVEREIGN! As servants, angels are subject to Christ; therefore He is better and superior to the angels.

3. HIS **SUPERIORITY** - vs. 8-14... We read in vs. 8 that Jesus has claim to:

- A Throne / A Kingdom / A Sceptre
- An Anointing - "*above his fellows*"
- All of Creation....Position on the Right Hand Of God

When you look at the Name, Fame, and Claim of Christ you see that He is therefore superior to angels in title, in worship, in nature, in existence, and finally in destiny. Christ is better than the angels!

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