



Ask

the
Pastor

**Questions & Answers From The Bible
Sunday Night Series**



IN HEBREWS, THE BIBLE SAYS JESUS WAS
HIGHER THAN THE ANGELS (CH. 1:4),
THEN LATER THAT JESUS WAS MADE
LOWER THAN THE ANGELS (CH. 2:6-7)...

IS THIS TALKING ABOUT JESUS OR ALL
MANKIND?

ARE WE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS?

Jesus is Better Than Angels

Speaking of Jesus, the writer of Hebrews wrote,

“Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”

Hebrews 1:4

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**HOW IS JESUS A LITTLE
LOWER THAN THE ANGELS?**

HEBREWS 2:9

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

HEBREWS 1:4

Speaking of Jesus, the writer of Hebrews wrote,

“Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”

Being made = Having become

The word “made” refers to being raised to a position or an exaltation of rank, as Mediator; he is exalted far above the angels.

Being made — These words must be closely joined with the last clause of Heb 1:3; they speak, not of the glory which was ever His, but of that which *became* His after He had “made purification of sins.”

“being made” (Heb 7:26) marks what He became in His assumed manhood (Phil. 2:6-9).

HEBREWS 2:6-7

“But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:”

LOWER THAN THE ANGELS?

- Being made a “little lower than the angels” and taking on a body eternally did not in any way diminish the deity of Christ. Jesus never ceased to be God; He simply showed the meekness and condescension of God. After the Incarnation, He was the God-man.

As a result of His atoning work on the cross, Jesus was crowned with glory and honor, and He is now seated at the right hand of His heavenly Father (Colossians 3:1). The author of Hebrews points out that Jesus’ humble state was but temporary: “for a little while” He was made lower than the angels (Hebrews 2:7). Jesus is exalted above all angels, and some day every knee will bow at His name and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9–11).

*Believers in Christ will reign with him in the future, glorious millennium.

*Christ will subject all things to himself as the second Adam. What the first Adam and his descendants failed to accomplish because of our sin (Hebrews 2:8), the last Adam will accomplish, and the curse will be reversed (Isaiah 65:17–25).

*All believers will share in Christ's glory forever, living with him in his new heaven and new earth.

*Without Jesus becoming “a little lower” than the angels, there would be no redemption for any of us.

*Praise the Lord that he humbled himself to come to us and seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).