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Christ Superior To Angels

Hebrews 1:4-14

- 1) Introduction: the existence of angels in Scripture
 - a) Angels (messengers) mentioned over 250x in Bible
 - b) *Ten thousand times ten thousand* (Rev. 5:11)
 - c) Mostly invisible but appearance is traumatizing in male form
 - d) Continuously worship God (Isa. 6:1-3; Rev 4:8; 5:9-12)
 - e) Communicate God's message
 - f) Ministers to believers (Ps. 34; 91:11-12), rejoicing at sinner's conversion (Luke 15:10), watching (1 Cor. 4:9; 11:10; 1 Tim. 5:21), carrying saints (Luke 16:22)
 - g) God's agents in final judgment & Second Coming (Rev. 6-16)
- 2) Jesus Christ is superior to the angels
 - a) In name (4-5): Jesus the Son; angels *servants*
 - b) In honor (6): Jesus receives worship; angels worship
 - c) In rank (7): King w/ eternal throne; angels wind & fire
 - d) In example (9): Obedient & anointed beyond all others
 - e) In existence (10-12): Jesus is eternal; angels created
 - f) In vocation (13): Christ rules; angels serve
- 3) Application questions
 - a) What implication is there for the title "Son"?
 - b) How might we give worship to various messengers?
 - c) What & where is Jesus' eternal throne? Heaven? Jerusalem?
 - d) How has Jesus always existed?
 - e) If angels serve us, ought we not give them glory?

