

Main Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-14

2 Kings 6:8-23

Angels are powerful beings,

(Ps 29:1, 103:20; 2 Thes 1:7-8; Heb 13:2, 2:7; 1 King 19:3-7; Dan 9:22-23; Mat 18:10; Ex 33:20; Rev 19:9-10)

But Jesus is greater.

(Heb 1:4-8, 10-12; Col 1:16; Job 38:4, 7)

Angels are Jesus' ministers, sent to serve those who are followers of Jesus.

(Heb 1:14; Ps 34:7, 91:11; Ex 23:20; Judg 6:11-12; Mat 2:13, 4:11, 13:41-42; 2 King 6:15-17; Lk 1:19, 15:10, 16:19, 22:43; Gen 19:1-11; Acts 12:7-9, 8:26, 10:4, 27:23-24; Rev 7:3, 16:1)

How to Become a Follower of Jesus

1. <u>Acknowledge</u> that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and that you need Him in your life.

John 8:12, "Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

2. Be <u>willing to turn</u> from the things that God would not approve of as outlined in the Bible, and instead, <u>decide</u> to live according to His Word; honour Jesus Christ by how you live your life. (Repentance)

Ephesians 5:8, 9-11, "... Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."

3. <u>Believe</u> that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave and accept His payment on your behalf.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

4. Through prayer, <u>invite</u> Jesus Christ to come into your life. Expect the Holy Spirit to live with you, live in you and give you power to live His way.

This prayer enables you to live eternally with Christ in heaven.

Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and that I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins and I trust in You alone for my salvation. I choose to turn away from the things in my life of which You don't approve and now surrender my life to You. I invite You to come and reign and rule in my heart and life and open my spirit. Establish Your presence within me. I want to know the power of the Holy Spirit working in me and live forever with You in the Kingdom of God. I choose to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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The Small Group Sermon Study Hebrews 1:4-14



Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

- 1. Big picture: what did you like or appreciate about this message?
- 2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. What did you learn about angels that was new for you?
 - b. Have we as a small group ever experienced the ministry of angels? And how have you personally experienced the ministry of angels?
 - c. What should it mean for us that Jesus is greater than the angels? How should this truth impact our view of the ministry of angels to us?
 - d. What further questions does this passage/message raise for you? How can our small group help you dig further into this?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

- 3. What emotions does this passage or the key theme stir up in you?
- 4. Pastor Al talked about the world's desire to worship angels, instead of worshipping Jesus only. Is the worship of angels something you have ever slipped into? If so, take a few moments now to repent of this, to ask Jesus to forgive you, and to affirm that He alone will receive the worship you give from this point on.
- 5. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?
- 6. What verse, phrase, word or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).