

The Better Messenger

Hebrews 1:4-14

Understanding Angels

- Angels are messengers
- Created by God to be His servants

The Heavenly Mediators

- The Law was received through the activity of angels
- The arrival of Jesus involved the activity of angels
- We should respect their special function and purpose

Jesus is Superior

- He is the Promised King
 - Angels serve. Jesus reigns
- He is the Eternal Lord
 - Angels worship. Jesus receives worship

Application: Establishing a Hierarchy

- Listen to cultural messages with caution
- Screen everything thru Old Testament truth
- But only as rightly applied thru the person & work of Jesus

For Life Group Discussion

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1. How many pop-cultural references to angels can you name? Which are most popular, and which have influenced you most? Why?
2. Have you ever considered the extent of angelic involvement in God's ongoing revelation? Read and reflect on the following:
 - Deut 33:2; Acts 7:51-53; and Gal 3:19. Lk 1:11-13, 26-27, and 2:8-14. Mt 28:1-6. Acts 1:9-11. Rev 1:1 and 22:16. Can you think of others?
3. Read Hebrews 1:1-14. The writer makes his case that Jesus is superior to angels based on His person and work, using 7 Old Testament (OT) references in support. Which ones stand out?
4. The original readers were tempted to give undue attention to angels, which could distort the Gospel. To combat similar temptations, we must develop a hierarchy for evaluating messengers & messages
 - What positive cultural messages you find compelling? Why? Who are the voices or devices that you listen to most? Have they ever competed for time with God?
 - How should the OT function in our lives as believers? How can we learn from the morals and ethics of the law, the wisdom from Proverbs, and worship from the Psalms?
 - How does the Author to the Hebrews use the OT to glorify Christ? How can we do the same? Read Lk 24:44