

Angels Bow to Him: Hebrews 1:5-14 Explained

Scriptures for Today

Hebrews 1:5-14

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? 6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. 8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. 10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; 12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. 13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Introduction — Why This Matters

This passage is focused on one clear truth: Jesus Christ is greater than angels. That might sound obvious, but many people elevate angels, fear them, or give them attention that belongs to Christ alone.

The Bible corrects that completely. Angels are real and powerful, but they are created beings who serve God. Jesus Christ is not a servant. He is the Son, and He is God.

God Never Said This to Angels

Hebrews 1:5

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?

This question has only one answer, and it is none. God never said this to any angel at any time. This statement is reserved for Jesus Christ alone.

This shows that Jesus is not just another created being. He is uniquely the Son of God in a way no angel has ever been.

Psalms 2:7

I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

This confirms that the title of Son belongs specifically to Christ. Angels are not placed in that position.

Acts 13:33

God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

The Bible itself connects that phrase directly to **Jesus being raised from the dead**. So—**“this day have I begotten thee” is referring to the resurrection**. Jesus Christ is publicly declared and manifested as the Son of God with power. No angel did this. No created being did this. An angel, a created being, cannot save you.

Satan cannot save you. He can't even save himself.

Angels Worship Him

Hebrews 1:6

And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

Firstbegotten there means Jesus is THE highest, the HEIR, the one above all—not created. He brings Jesus into the world as a baby in the flesh. And let ALL the angels of God. Not some of them. All of them are to worship Jesus Christ.

This command settles the issue clearly. Angels are commanded to worship Jesus Christ. That means Jesus is above them. Again, Jesus is far above the angels. Only God is to be worshipped. If angels worship Him, then He is not equal to them. He is above them.

This is important because many false religions, especially Jehovah Witness and Mormons, will teach that we can be just like Jesus Christ in every way. That's a lie. We will never be God. Ever.

Revelation 22:8-9

And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

No matter what type of angel in the Bible, the angels of God refuse worship for themselves. They direct worship to God. Yet they are commanded to worship Christ, showing exactly who Jesus is. So many false religions will tell you that the Bible doesn't say Jesus is God. But the Bible says this in every way imaginable. But those people ignore the words of the Bible.

What Angels Are

Hebrews 1:7

And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

Angels are described as spirits and ministers. That means they are servants carrying out God's will. They are not humans. They are not physical like human beings. They are spiritual beings. They are invisible. They are real.

They are powerful, but they do not rule. They are created beings who operate under authority.

Psalm 104:4

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire.

This confirms their role. They serve, they act, and they carry out God's commands. "His ministers a flaming fire or a flame of fire." I believe that speaks of their power, their speed, their intensity, and their role in carrying out the will of God.

Fire in the Bible is related to judgment, power, purity, and destruction. His angels are spirits and his ministers a FLAMING FIRE.

What the Son Is

Hebrews 1:8

But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Now the contrast becomes clear. The Son is called God, and He has a throne. That means He rules. Angels serve, but Jesus Christ reigns. He is not a messenger. He is the King.

So, let me be very clear here. This is not some human misunderstanding Jesus in this verse. It's not a disciple speaking here. This isn't Thomas saying, "My Lord and my God." This isn't an angel speaking. This is not any creation speaking. This is God the Father speaking right there.

People argue about whether Jesus is God. They twist verses, they redefine terms, they try to lower Him. But you cannot get around this. The Father Himself looks at the Son and says, "**O God.**" That is the highest possible witness. There is no authority above the Father. If the Father calls Him God, then He is God.

The Bible says, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." One throne. God's throne. And His throne is for ever and ever. He doesn't lose the throne as earthly kings do. His throne is for ever. His kingdom, as shown in the last half of the verse there, is a kingdom defined by righteousness. Perfect justice, perfect holiness, and perfect authority.

Righteousness Defines Him

Hebrews 1:9

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Jesus Christ perfectly loves righteousness and hates iniquity. This sets Him apart completely from all creation.

This is why He is exalted above all. His nature is perfectly aligned with what is right. We are in Christ as believers. We are with Him. But no believer will ever be exalted above Jesus Christ.

He Is the Creator

Hebrews 1:10

And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Jesus Christ is not created. He is the Creator. Again, this Scripture shows you that Jesus is God. He was there in the beginning before anything was created. Everything that exists was made by Him. That includes angels.

John 1:3

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

If everything was made by Him, then He cannot be part of creation. We know 100% for sure that Jesus Christ is God and is THE Creator of all things.

He Does Not Change

Hebrews 1:11-12

They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Creation changes and eventually perishes. Everything you see will one day be gone or transformed. The heavens, the earth, and creation itself. Creation will be altered, replaced, or renewed. "And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up." It's something temporary or something that gets put away.

In 2 Peter 3:10, the Bible says: "In which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." Things are going to change. Revelation 21:1 says, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away." That's the change. The current creation is temporary, and it will be replaced.

In contrast in the verse, though, we see that Jesus Christ does not change. He remains the same forever. "But thou are the same, any thy years shall not fail."

Malachi 3:6

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

That puts Him completely outside of creation. Creation changes. You can clearly see that creation has changed and it will be changed even more into the future.

No Angel Has His Position

Hebrews 1:13

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Again, the answer is none. No angel has ever been given that position. Sitting at the right hand of God is a position of authority and power that belongs only to Jesus Christ. Again, this power ONLY belongs to Jesus Christ. He is on the right hand of the Father. He's right there with Him.

Psalm 110:1

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

This is a position no created being has. Satan thought he was right up there with God because he was a covering cherub at the throne of God. He wants to be Jesus Christ. He wants to be like God. But the Bible is very clear. Jesus is God.

What Angels Actually Do

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

This defines angels clearly. They are ministering spirits sent out to serve the heirs of salvation. Jesus is THE HEIR, but because of Jesus, we are heirs plural. And angels are to minister unto us. God sent them forth to do so.

Angels are not rulers. They are not to be worshipped. They are servants working under God's authority. They serve those who are saved, showing their role is supportive, not authoritative. And that's important to understand because God put it right here in the Scriptures.

Who was right there causing the fall of all mankind? This evil angel named Lucifer or Satan that tempted Eve to sin against God. Why? Because he wanted to be like God.

People today either ignore angels or elevate them too much. Some fear them, some focus on them, and some even try to interact with them. The Bible keeps it simple. Angels serve. Jesus Christ rules. Your focus should never be on angels. Your focus should always be on Christ.

Practical Applications

1. Jesus Christ is above all angels and is not equal to any created being.
2. Worship belongs only to God, never to angels or anything created.
3. Angels are servants carrying out God's will, not objects of fear or attention.
4. Your attention and faith should be focused on Jesus Christ alone.

Conclusion

Angels are real, powerful, and active in God's work. But they are not the center. They bow. They worship. They serve. Jesus Christ does not. He rules over all.

Let's pray.