

Hebrews

(Lesson 3)

Introduction:

1. The main theme of Hebrews is "the superiority of Christ."
2. In the first section of Hebrews (1:1-4:13), attention is given to "the superiority of Christ as God's spokesman."
3. As God's spokesman Christ is superior to the prophets (1:1-3).
4. In this lesson we are studying the information presented in Hebrews 1:4-14.
5. These verses show how "Christ is superior to the angels."
6. Let us first consider several . . .

Discussion:

- I. GENERAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO ANGELS
 - A. Angels are spiritual beings created by God (Psalm 148:1-5).
 - B. Angels were created to do God's will (Psalm 103:20-21).
 - C. Angels have primarily served as "messengers" (Genesis 19:15; Judges 13:2-5).
- II. (Hebrews 1:4-14) CHRIST IS SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS IN THAT:
 - A. He was *"made so much better than the angels"* (vs.4a)
 - B. He has *"by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they"* (vs.4b; Philippians 2:9-11)
 - C. He is God's Son (vs.5; Psalm 2:7)
 - D. He was worshipped by angels (vs.6; Luke 2:8-15)
 - E. angels are ministers (vs.7; Psalm 104:4)
 - F. He is an eternal King (vs.8; Psalm 45:6)
 - G. He has been anointed above the angels (vs.9; Psalm 45:7; 1 Peter 3:21-22)
 - H. He is the eternal Creator of all things (vs.10-12; John 1:1-3)
 - I. He sits at the Father's right hand while angels are ministering spirits (vs.13-14; Psalm 110:1).

Conclusion:

1. In the past God intended for men to listen to messages that He sent through angels.
2. However, He now intends for us to listen to His Son.