

- I. Welcome
 - A. Good morning! Ohayogozaimasu! Welcome to Calvary Chapel Iwakuni.
 1. *Welcome any new faces and those streaming online.*
 - B. Before we continue any further, let's go ahead and dismiss our elementary aged children to their Sunday School class.
 - C. (2nd Service) Before we dismiss our children, we have the wonderful privilege of doing a baby dedication this morning.
 1. Baby dedications are something we do from time to time upon request.
 - a. They serve a few different functions. For one, they give opportunity for dad and mom to publicly give thanks and acknowledge the Lord and His gracious gift of life.
 - b. Two, it is an opportunity for mom and dad to publicly commit to the challenge of raising that gift of life in the ways of the Lord.
 - i. Proverbs 22:6 exhorts us to train up our children in the ways of the Lord. And assures us that as our children grow, they will not depart from that training. (**Pro. 22:6**)
 - c. And three, baby dedications are something we do before the body of Christ because we too are part of the process. As a church body we play witness to the family's commitment before the Lord and offer ourselves as a resource to help equip them for that challenge.
 - d. Baby dedications are not something that is tied to the faith of the child nor the salvation of the child.
 - i. While we call it a baby dedication, really what it is, is a dedication that the parents are making regarding their child.
 - ii. They are dedicating their lives to raising their child in the ways of the Lord and providing for them a Christian home where they will have every opportunity to come to know Christ and ultimately, prayerfully, one day make the decision for themselves to surrender their life to Jesus.
 - iii. And that ought to be the hope of every single parent; to see their children walk with the Lord. What joy and satisfaction that brings to the heart of a parent. The beloved disciple John wrote "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (**3 Jn. 4**)
 2. This morning Cannon and Alexis Byrd are going to dedicate their newest addition, Abigail Irenae to the Lord. The Byrd family was blessed with baby Abigail just a little over 2 weeks ago.
 - a. Cannon's mom, Tammi is also here, and Cannon's older brother Gavon is here as well. This is going to be Tammy and Gavon's last Sunday with us, so what a wonderful opportunity it is for the Byrd family to do this baby dedication with the support of some their biological and spiritual family with them here.
 - b. Cannon, Alexis, you guys want to come on up? (*Pray for Abigail, and family; Cannon, Alexis, and big brother Ezra*)
 - c. As the Byrd family makes their way back to their seats, let's go ahead and dismiss our elementary children to their Sunday School classes as well as the Bible English class.
 - D. Two weeks ago we started our study of the book of Hebrews with an overview and noted what really is the overarching theme of the book as a whole; the superiority and supremacy of Jesus Christ.
 1. Jesus Christ is better than anything and everything.
 2. The author of this book is writing to a group of Jewish believers who have been experiencing some difficulties as of late, some persecution because of their faith in Christ, and some are beginning to think that maybe it would be better to simply return to their old way of living; following the Mosaic Law and adhering to the customs and teachings of the Jewish rabbis and other religious leaders.
 3. The author writes to explain to these people who are feeling drawn back to the old way of the Law, that to do so would be a grave error. That what they have in and through a personal relationship with Christ is far greater than anything they could ever get from going back to the Law.
 4. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law; the Law and the prophets all looked forward to Christ. And now that He has come the old needs to be put away, the old is now obsolete, it has been replaced with something new, something infinitely better.
 5. In our study last week, we started off chapter 1 by looking at the first 3 verses where the author builds the case that Jesus is better than the prophets of old who revealed God's will and God's word to their fathers. Jesus was the better revelation.
 - a. God had chosen to reveal Himself to the world at various times and in various ways. He revealed Himself through creation, through our own consciences, and through the prophets. But the message creation, and our conscience, and the prophets conveyed was marred by sin, it seemed to be inconsistent at times, and incomplete.
 - b. There was need for a better revelation and God provided that through His Son, Jesus Christ. God has chosen in these last days to reveal Himself through Jesus Christ. He is the better revelation; the best possible revelation of God, for He Himself is God.
 - E. This morning, we're going to look to cover the rest of chapter 1 as the author switches gears a bit and starts to speak of Christ in comparison to the angels.
 1. The main thrust last week was that Jesus was better than the prophets, a better revelation of God. This week as the author continues to build his case, the emphasis will be upon how Jesus is better than the angels of the Lord.

2. The title of our study this morning is going to be "**Better than the Angels**", and our text is going to be Hebrews chapter 1 vs. 4-14.
3. So, if you have your Bible with you, why don't you go ahead and open it up to the book of Hebrews chapter 1. And then once you are there, I'd like to invite you to rise to your feet in honor of God and His Word.
4. I'm going to read through the entirety of our text from my Bible, do your best to follow along in your own. The author continues speaking about Christ and His superiority when he writes the following in vs. 4... (R & P)

II. Intro & Outline

- A. In our opening verse, the author makes another bold declaration about the superiority of Jesus Christ. Just as the author claimed and supported the idea that Jesus was greater than the prophets in verses 1-3, he now makes the claim that Jesus is better than the angels.
1. Angels were greatly revered by nearly every Jew. Angels were used by God throughout the history of the Jews and to be visited by one was a life altering event.
 2. Part of the reason why angels were held with such high regard by the Jews is believed to be in connection to their association with the Law.
 - a. Deuteronomy 33:2 describes Gods descent upon Mt. Sinai when He delivered the Law to Moses, and in the description, we are told that God was joined by 10,000 holy ones (presumably angels from heaven). (**Dt. 33:2; CSB**)
 - b. Some speculate even that the angels were the ones whom God used to deliver the tablets of stone from the Lord to Moses.
 - c. This speculation is further supported by what we read even in the NT Scriptures in such places as Galatians 3:19
 - i. There Paul writes about the Law and how it was put into effect through angels by means of a mediator. (**Gal. 3:19b; CSB**)
 - d. Also in Acts 7, when Stephen was testifying of how the Jews were stiff necked and hard hearted and how they always resisted the work of God's Spirit, he described how the Jews received the law by the direction of angels but have not kept it. (**Acts 7:53**)
 3. Because the Jews revered God's Law so much, it naturally led to a reverence and esteeming of the angels whom they believed were part of the deliverance of God's law.
 4. Some even took things too far and began to worship angels. This was something that Paul had to address in his letter of Colossians where there were some false teachers trying to persuade people into the worship of angels. [**Col. 2:18a**]
- B. Though the angels were highly regarded by the Jews, the author makes the claim in verse 4 that Jesus is not just a little better, but so much better than the angels.

1. But the author doesn't just make a bold claim without any support or evidence to back his claim. He proceeds to lay out 10 different ways in which Jesus is better than the angels and he'll do so primarily through quoting the OT Scriptures the Jews held with such high regard.
2. Let's take a look at our opening verse once again, verse 4, where we will note the first of 10 reasons the author gives in support of his claim of Jesus' superiority over the angels.

III. Hebrews 1:4;

- A. The first thing the author brings up as evidence to his claim is the excellent name Jesus obtained. Jesus is better than the angels because of the **excellence of His name**.
1. When the author uses the word "name" here, it isn't limited to just the idea of what someone is called, their proper name, but it speaks of one's character and reputation.
 - a. We understand that idea, right? When we talk about how someone has built a good name for themselves, we're not talking about their proper name, but their character, their reputation.
- B. By inheritance, Jesus has received a more excellent name. He is God's Son, and as such, His name carries more weight to it. It means something special to be the one and only begotten Son of God.
1. The name Jesus is an important name. The name speaks of His role as "Savior" of the world.
 - a. In the gospel of Matthew we read of a man by the name of Joseph who was visited by an angel after finding out the woman he was betrothed to, Mary, was pregnant with child.
 - b. The angel said to him, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." (**Mt. 1:20b-21**)
 - c. The name Jesus literally means savior. It is the name that God appointed to Him because of His role as savior of the world.
 - d. The apostle Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaimed before the rulers of Israel, "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (**Acts. 4:10-12**)
 - e. The excellency of His name. There is nothing like it.
 2. God has exalted Jesus and given to Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that

every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Phil. 2:9-11)

- a. Every knee should bow, of those in heaven, *referring to angels*, those on earth, referring to the living, and those under the earth, presumably referring to the unredeemed dead.
- b. Angels should bow the knee at the name of Jesus and confess Him as Lord. This obviously supports the claim that Jesus is better than the angels. One does not bow the knee to an inferior person.

3. Ephesians describes how Jesus has been placed “far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.” Jesus is far above any and every other name out there. (Eph. 1:21)

C. And therefore, He is better than the angels. But that’s just one reason why He is better. Let’s continue to as the author builds his case. Take a look at our next verse, verse 5.

IV. Hebrews 1:5

A. Here in verse 5 the author quotes from two different sources to make one very important point.

1. He first quotes from Psalm 2 when he asks the question “To which of the angels did He ever say: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You’?” The obvious answer is none. God never said that to any angel, but He did say it in reference to the Messiah.
2. Psalm chapter 2 is known as a Messianic Psalm. It speaks of the Messiah’s triumph and His future kingdom.
 - a. It describes how the nations will rage and people will plot vain things. The kings of the earth will set themselves up, and the rulers will take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed [the mashiyach], saying, ‘Let us break their bonds in pieces And cast away their cords from us.’ (Ps. 2:1-3)
 - b. But God will laugh at them and their feeble attempts.
 - c. The psalmist declares the decree God has spoken of His Anointed, the Messiah stating, “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.” (Ps. 2:7-9)
 - d. At the end of the Psalm the psalmist admonishes the kings to be wise and receive instruction. That they should serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. “Kiss the Son” he states, “lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.” (Ps. 2:10-12)
 - e. This psalm is all about the Messiah, God’s anointed One, the One to whom God refers to as His Son.

3. And that is the point the author of Hebrews is making. He’s speaking to the fact that Jesus is God’s Son. He does so again in his second quote from 2 Samuel.

- a. This quote talking about how God declared “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son” was given to David in 2 Samuel 7.
- b. There in 2 Samuel 7 Nathan the prophet of God came to David and declared to him, “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” (2 Sam. 7:12-16)
- c. Now this prophetic word was initially and partially fulfilled through David’s son Solomon. Solomon did sit on David’s throne and Solomon did build a house for the name of the Lord. He did commit iniquity and was chastened by the Lord.
- d. But the ultimate fulfillment would come through the Messiah who would come and sit upon David’s throne and establish an eternal kingdom. Unlike Solomon, He would not commit iniquity. He would perfectly follow the Father’s will and plan He would be known as the very Son of God.

B. Jesus is better than the angels **because He is God’s Son**. Never does God refer to an angel as His Son.

1. The angels are collectively referred to as sons of God in various portions of Scripture, but never is one singled out as the Son of God. This relationship as the only begotten Son of God is reserved for Jesus Christ alone. It is one way in which He is superior to the angels. But there’s more. Read verse 6 with me.

V. Hebrews 1:6

A. This verse is interesting, and we need to understand a few different things in order to figure out what the author is saying here.

1. First of all, the wording is a bit misleading based upon a simple straight forward reading of the text. For when we read “firstborn” we immediately tend to think about birth order. But this word is not limited to referring to one’s birth order.
 - a. The word “firstborn” can also be used to speak of priority and preeminence over something or someone, despite birth order.
 - b. The Bible has a few examples of when the word is used this way.

- i. It was used for David in Psalm 89:27 when the psalmist spoke of how God will make David his firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. (**Ps. 89:27**)
 - If you are familiar with David's story, you'll know that he was the youngest of all his brothers. He was not highly regarded by his own family.
 - So much so that Jesse didn't even bother to bring David out to see Samuel the prophet when Samuel called for all of his sons. He left David out in the fields to tend the sheep.
 - One by one the sons of Jesse passed before Samuel and one by one the Lord said "no". Samuel had to ask Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" To which Jesse stated, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." (**1 Sam. 16:11a**)
 - Once David was brought before Samuel the Lord declared to Samuel, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" (**1 Sam. 16:12**)
 - ii. This title was used as well for Ephraim in Jeremiah 31:9 when referring to the children of Israel who were part of the Northern Kingdom. (**Jer. 31:9b**)
 - Interestingly, Ephraim wasn't even a birth son of Jacob who later became known as Israel; He was the birth son of Joseph, and even then he was the second born son behind Manasseh.
 - And yet he is referred to as the Lord's firstborn in Jeremiah because of his priority, his rank, his status above the other northern tribes of Israel.
2. So, don't get confused when the author speaks of Christ as the firstborn, it isn't speaking of birth order, but of preeminence.
 3. Another thing that can be a little bit puzzling is that for most of your Bibles, you will not find this exact cross reference in the Bible where it says "Let all the angels of God worship Him".
 - a. And that is because the author of the book of Hebrews seems to be using the Septuagint in all of his cross references to the OT.
 - b. The Septuagint was the first Greek translation of the full Hebrew Bible. It is sometimes referred to as the "translation of the Seventy" and is abbreviated by Biblical scholars with the Roman numerals for 70 (LXX).
 - c. Many of the Jews of the second temple period were not able to read ancient Hebrew. And so a project was put together to translate the Hebrew Bible into Greek in the 3rd century BC because it was the most familiar language at the time. Most believe the project was completed sometime in the 2nd century BC.
 - d. If you were to read from the Septuagint you would find that the quote the author of Hebrews is referring to comes from Deuteronomy 32:43.

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- i. In the NKJV this reads, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people." (**Dt. 32:43**)
 - ii. But if you look closely in the NKJV you will see a superscript notation after the first line. And if you look up that footnote it will say "DSS fragment adds 'And let all the gods (angels) worship Him'; and it gives a cross reference to the Septuagint as well."
 - iii. DSS stands for "Dead Sea Scrolls". Many of our modern-day English translations are based upon what is known as the Masoretic texts of the OT which dates anywhere from the 7th to 10 centuries.
 - iv. This was the best available source to use at the time. But since then, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in the late 1940's and early 1950's has shed light on some older, perhaps more reliable manuscripts. The Dead Sea Scrolls date anywhere from between the 3rd century BC to the turn of the first century.
 - v. They have found fragments of Deuteronomy which contain the line "And let all the angels worship Him" in chapter 32 verse 43.
 - vi. The Greek Septuagint also has this in its translation of Deuteronomy 32:43. And so it would seem that this is the source the author of Hebrews was using. If you line up the original Greek of Hebrews with the Greek of the Septuagint it lines up perfectly and is a direct quote of Deuteronomy.
- B. While the verse itself is a little confusing at first read, the heart of the message and the point the author is trying to make is quite clear. Jesus is better than the angels because **the angels are called to worship Him**.
 1. The angels of God worship the Son. They worship Jesus Christ, falling prostrate before Him in heaven, along with the elders and the four living creatures and the rest of heaven's hosts crying out "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (**Rev. 5:12**)
 2. All of creation worships in heaven declaring "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" (**Rev. 5:13b**)
 3. And church family, if the angels of God look upon Jesus and continually acknowledge how worthy He is of their worship, how much more worthy ought we to consider Jesus of our worship? He was slain for us, not for the angels, He died for our sins and He is worthy of all our worship and will be worthy of it forever and ever! There will never be a day or time that Jesus is not worthy of our worship. So, let's make sure we render it to Him.
 - C. Moving on, let's take a look at our next verse, verse 7.
- VI. Hebrews 1:7;

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- A. While God says of Jesus, He is my Son and He is worthy of worship, of the angels God says “Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.”
1. This is a quote from Psalm 104:4. And the basic idea being presented here is that while Jesus is the Son of God and is to be worshipped, the angels are simply God’s ministers. They are public servants ministering to the needs of others.
 2. Jesus is better than the angels because **the angels are called to be servants of Christ**.
 - a. And we see evidence of this in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.
 - i. When Jesus went into the desert and fasted 40 days and 40 nights and then was tempted by the devil on three different occasions where the devil was trying to get Jesus to give into His flesh and ultimately to submit Himself to the devil rather than to the Father and the Father’s plans.
 - ii. After that was all said and done and Jesus resisted the Devil and caused Him to flee we read in Matthew 4:11 “Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.” (**Mt. 4:11**)
 - b. Again we read of something similar when Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane requesting that if there be any other way, that God grant Him His request and take the cup from Him.
 - i. We’re told that as Jesus was praying to the Father, “an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.” (**Lk. 22:43**)
 - c. Angels are servants of God. They were made by God to be His messengers and His servants. Jesus therefore is far greater than them.
- B. But the author is just getting started. Let’s take a look at verses 8 & 9 where we will note three more reasons why Jesus is better than the angels.
- VII. Hebrews 1:8-9
- A. This is a quote from Psalm 45. It is verses 6 & 7 of Psalm 45. And there are a few things I’d like to point out from these verses that can be seen as evidence as to why Jesus is better than the angels.
- B. Number one, first and foremost, this is one of the greatest verses that supports the deity of Jesus Christ.
1. In Psalm 45 the psalmist is writing about the rule and reign of the Messiah, His glories and His bride. It was a common Psalm that would be sung at weddings. It speaks of the King and His majesty and His righteousness and how His bride will be brought to Him.
 2. In verse 6 the psalmist, under inspiration of God states, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The psalmist makes it very clear that the Messiah is God. (**Ps. 45:6**)
 3. Jesus Christ is God. The Psalmist said so here in Psalm 45. But this isn’t the only place we see this claim in the Bible.
 - a. The Jews sought to kill Jesus because He said God was His Father and made Himself out to be equal with God. (**Jn. 5:18**)
 - b. In 1 Timothy 3:16 Paul refers to Jesus as God being manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up in glory.” (**1 Tim. 3:16**)
 - c. In Titus 2:13 Paul writes about how we are to be looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. (**Tit. 2:13**)
 - d. The disciple known as Thomas declared before the resurrected Christ, “My Lord and my God!” in John 20:28 (**Jn. 20:28**)
 - e. In Romans chapter 9 Paul writes of Jesus’ coming and how He is the eternally blessed God. Amen. (**Rom. 9:5**)
 - f. In his first epistle, the apostle John writes how we are in Christ and how Christ is the true God and eternal life. (**1 Jn. 5:20b**)
 - g. In Isaiah 9:6 we read “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His holder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (**Isa. 9:6**)
4. Throughout the Bible we read over and over again that Jesus is God. He is God in the flesh. There is no denying the Bible’s claim. Jesus is better than the angels because **He is God in the flesh**.
- C. But there is more in these verses. Not only is Jesus God in the flesh. We also can see from these verses that Jesus Christ’s rule and reign will last for eternity
1. “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever”. Jesus is the king who sits upon the throne of God’s eternal kingdom. He rules with a scepter of righteousness. Certainly, the angels pale in comparison.
 2. Again, they are just servants, they don’t rule over anything. The angels are part of God’s kingdom and Christ sits upon the throne of God’s kingdom, certainly that makes Him better than the angels.
 3. Jesus is better than the angels because of **His eternal reign over God’s kingdom**.
- D. And then there is mention of God’s anointing of Jesus towards the end of verse 9, “Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions”, more than anyone else.
1. Jesus Christ has been anointed by God for a very specific reason and what is that reason? It’s stated in Isaiah 61.
 2. Isaiah 61 reads “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give

them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, *the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness*; that they may be called tress of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.” (Isa. 61:1-3)

3. Jesus is better than the angels because of **the byproduct of His anointing**. When Jesus began His public ministry he went to the local synagogue, opened up the scrolls of Isaiah and read from Isaiah 61 verse 1 and then rolled up the scroll and said “Today this Scriptures is fulfilled in your hearing.” (Lk. 4:21)
4. Jesus was anointed by God to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives. People being held captive and in bondage to sin were given hope. He came to deliver us.
5. God did not send an angel to do these things. He sent His one and only Son. An angel could not save us, it had to be God Himself in the form of man; Jesus Christ.

E. Let’s continue, I said we would note 10 reasons why Jesus is better than the angles. We’ve noted seven so far, we have three more to go. Take a look at verses 10-12 with me where we will note two more reasons why Jesus is better than the angels.

VIII. Hebrews 1:10-12

- A. Here the author quotes from Psalm 102 verses 25-27. And two things jump out to me that give further support and evidence to the superiority of Christ.
- B. For one, Jesus is the creator of all things. We noted this truth last week when discussing how Jesus was greater than the prophets, but it applies here as well.
 1. Psalm 102 starts out “Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.” (Ps. 102:25)
 2. We know from our study last week that by *Christ* all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.” (Col. 1:16)
 3. The gospel of John opens up with this assertion stating, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” (Jn. 1:1-3)
 4. Jesus is better than the angels because **He is the creator of all things** including the angels.
- C. But there is something else here worth pointing out as well. Verses 11-12 speak about how creation, the works of Christ’s hands will one day fade away, they will perish, but Christ will remain.
 1. Creation will grow old like a garment and one day this heaven and earth will be done away with. Like an old cloak it will be folded up and set

aside forever changed. But Christ will remain the same and His years will not fail.

- a. The prophet Isaiah proclaims “All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine,” (Isa. 34:4)
 - b. In chapter 51 he speaks the Word of God stating, “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will grow old like a garment, and those who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, And My righteousness will not be abolished.” (Isa. 51:6)
 - c. In the NT Peter writes, “But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.” (2 Pt. 3:7)
 - i. Jesus spoke the world into existence and it is by His word that He holds this world together. But there will come a day when Jesus will no longer hold this world as we know it together.
 - d. A few verses later Peter continues, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.” (2 P. 3:10)
 - i. This world as we know it and all that is in it, all that it offers us, will one day all go up in smoke. It won’t last. If you are living for the world and the things of this world, I promise you they will not last, they will not satisfy.
2. But, while this world as we know it will melt away and be dissolved, Christ will remain. For He is the same. He does not change. The Bible says He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Heb. 13:8)
- a. We can place our hope and faith and confidence in Christ because He never changes. He will be with us always. He will never leave us nor forsake us. The Bible says He will create a new heaven and new earth for us to dwell together with Him for the rest of eternity.
 - b. And in that place God promises to wipe away ever tear, there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. (Rev. 21:4)
 - c. Jesus is better than the angels because **He alone remains the same throughout all eternity**. He never changes. He will forever be worthy of our praise and worship, and we can always count on him. He satisfies. This world and the things of this world will inevitably leave us wanting for more. Only Christ can satisfy. Only Christ remains faithful and true throughout all eternity.

D. Let’s take a look at our final two verses to note our tenth and final reason why Jesus is better than the angels. Read verses 13 & 14 with me.

IX. Hebrews 1:13-14

A. This final quote from our text comes from Psalm 110.

1. The author of Hebrews asks, "to which of the angels has He ever said: 'Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool'?" And the answer of course is none of them.
 2. God said this through David. David penned Ps. 110 and he wrote it as a witness of God's word to the Messiah who would come through David's line. "The Lord [God the Father] said to my Lord [God the Son] 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool. (Ps. 110:1)"
 3. God invites the Son to sit at His right Hand because the Son had completed everything the Father requested of Him. He had finished the work, He had made a way for man to be reconciled to the Father.
 - a. When Jesus Christ was hanging upon the cross of Calvary He cried "It is finished". He had completed the mission God sent Him upon.
 - b. And so God invites Him to sit at His right hand while God the Father does the rest, ultimately putting all of the enemies of Christ under Him in subjection to Him.
- B. And while Christ sits at the right hand of the Father, what are the angels doing? Verse 14 states they are all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation.
1. That's you and me. While Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father having completed what God asked of Him, the angels continue their work, they continue to serve as ministers to all who will inherit salvation.
 2. Jesus is better than the angels because **He finished the work God called Him to**. He has been invited to sit at the right hand of God, while the angels continue in their efforts as servants.

X. Conclusion / Communion

- A. So there you have it. Jesus is so much better than the angels.
1. The Jews revered the angels and held them with high regard and rightfully so. But in comparison to Christ, the angels have nothing to stand upon.
 2. The angels were created to serve Christ, they are called to worship Christ, and the same is true of us.
 3. If the angels live to serve Christ and fall upon their faces in worship of Christ, how much more should we dedicate our lives to His service and to His worship? He alone is worthy of our surrender. And He alone is worthy of our praise and worship.
- B. This morning is the first Sunday of the month, and as such we are going to set aside a few moments for you all to remember Christ and what He did and then spend a few moments in worship of Him.
1. The worship team is going to come forward and lead us in a song of worship. The ushers are going to come forward and distribute the communion elements.
 2. And here is what I'd like for us to do. I'd like for us to take these next few minutes to remember what Christ did for us. To remember how His

body was broken for us, how His blood was shed for us. And I want you to simply respond in worship. I want you to consider what we talked about today and the superiority of Christ over the angels and let that impact our worship as well.

3. And then, as you feel led, I want you to partake on your own, just you and the Lord. I'm not going to come back up and read through 1 Corinthians like I normally do.
4. You just remember Christ, what He did for you, and how worthy He is of our worship, and then respond in worship.
5. At the close of our time of worship, Cannon will encourage you to partake if you haven't done so already and then will close us out with one final song.