

GREATER THAN THE ANGELS

Life Group; Week of Sunday, November 27, 2022; Hebrews 1:1-2:4; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme – God the Father has given Jesus Christ the Son a name that is above every name, and a kingdom that has no end. All things have been created by the Son—including angels—for the worship of the Son. Therefore, we must listen to the Son, and not neglect that great salvation that is ours in Him!

I. Jesus is Greater – Read Hebrews 1:1-3

- A. What observations do you make from these first few verses? What are some of the ways that you can connect ideas in these verses to other passages in the rest of the book of Hebrews?
- B. In what ways did God speak to His people in the Old Testament? Why is that message so significant to us on this side of the incarnation, Jesus' ministry, and the cross?
- C. What are all the different things that we learn about the Son in verses 2-4? What do you think is the significance of Jesus sitting down at the right hand of God the Father almighty?

II. Greater Name of Son – Read Hebrews 1:4-14

- A. In these verses, what are all the different ways that Jesus is greater than the angels? Why exactly does it matter that Jesus is the Son of God?
- B. As you think about Hebrews 1:6 and Deuteronomy 32, what are all the different roles that the angels have in the O.T. and N.T.? Why is it significant that the angels worship Jesus?
- C. Read Hebrews 1:8-12. What does this passage uniquely tell us about the person of the Son? What is the significance of Jesus sitting on God's throne for all eternity?
- D. Read Hebrews 1:14. What do you think it means that Jesus sends out the angels to serve and minister for the sake of church, those who are to inherit salvation?
- E. What things do you consider to be of greatest importance? How does Christ's superiority over all things change the way you view those things? If Jesus reigns for all eternity and every enemy will be put under His feet, how does that change the way you live your life today?

III. Greater Message of Salvation – Read Hebrews 2:1-4

- A. In the context of Hebrews, why do you think the author charges his hearers "to pay close attention to what they have already heard, lest they drift away"?
- B. What do you think it looks like to drift away from Christianity? Have you seen this happen?
- C. Do you think there's a difference between drifting away and neglecting so great a salvation? In what ways are you prone to neglect your salvation? What daily habits and practical means of grace would you like to put in place to cultivate your relationship with the Lord?
- D. How does the supremacy of Christ above the angels strengthen us to draw near to God in faith, hold fast to our confession, and spur one another on to love and good deeds?