# Better Than the Angels

**Hebrews 1:4-14** 

#### **Hebrews 2:4-5**

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## Hebrews 2:6-8

6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." 8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.

## **Hebrews 2:9-10**

9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." 10 He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

**Hebrews 1:11-12** 

11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

Hebrews 1:13-14

13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? 14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

### I. Why Is Jesus Compared to the Angels?

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- Angels were highly regarded
- Gnostic ideas
- A way of highlighting Jesus

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#### 1) Jesus is the Son

- Two messianic texts
- Condescension and Exaltation of Jesus

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#### 2) Jesus is worthy of worship

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#### 3) Jesus is on the throne

- The contrast
- Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever
- Righteousness
- Joy

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#### 4) Jesus is the eternal God

- The creator
- Eternal
- Sovereign

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#### 5) Jesus wins!

Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet

Heb. 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.