

# Bethany Bible Study & Discussion



## Hebrews Part-2 (chapter 1:4-14) KJV

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## SUPERIORITY OF LORD JESUS CHRIST (to angels)

1:4-14

**Angels - an Introduction:** What does 'angels' mean? What are some prominent angels mentioned? How did angels interact with Jesus? Is there a hierarchy among angels? What is the relation of angels to man? What are some examples of angels in old and new testament?

**Jesus versus Angels (4-13):** Why is Jesus compared to angels? In what 7 ways is Jesus superior to angels? Are angels to be worshipped? Do angels have any supernatural powers? How many OT verses are quoted in this section, and why?

**Angels and believers (14):** Do they play any role in our lives today?

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Heir of all things

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Creator

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Reveals the bright glory of Father

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Express image of God

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Sustainer

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Redeemer

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Exalted & Seated at right hand of Father

**From last week**

Prophets are  
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is Superior

**1:2-3**

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# Angels

## Meaning – Messenger

- Created sinless spirit beings (Ezekiel 28:15)
- Created before earth was created (Job 38:7, joyful at creation)
- Numerous in number (Mathew 26:53, Hebrews 12:22)
- Worshippers (Revelation 5:11)
- Strong, Supernatural powers (Psalm 103:20, excel in strength that do his commandments)
- Angels appeared in dreams, visions, personal visits

# Angels

**Types:** Cherubims, Seraphim, living creatures, principalities and powers

**Cherubims** (guardians of holiness) - Guarded the entrance to garden of Eden (Genesis 3:24), placed upon the ark of covenant (Exodus 25:22)

**Genesis 3:24** So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life **Exodus 25:22** And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony,

**Seraphims** (worshippers ... above him were seraphim, each with six wings, Isaiah 6:2)

**Living creatures** in different forms like lion, ox, eagle

**Revelation 4:7-8** And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

# Hierarchy among angels ... Archangel

Archangel (meaning, chief angel) (title attributed to Michael)

**Famous angels:** Michael (warrior) and Gabriel (messenger)

- **Luke 1:26** And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
- **Revelation 12:7** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; **Jude 9** Michael, the archangel
- **Maybe 7 senior or archangels - Revelation 8:2** And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
- **I Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

# Fallen angel

**Lucifer** (morning star) ... became fallen angel and condemned due to pride (Ezekiel 28:11-19, Isaiah 14:12-17) (worshipper who desired to be worshipped)  
(beginning of sin traced to pride)

**Ezekiel 28:17** Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. <sup>18</sup> Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee

**Angels are prominent in the Bible ...**  
Associated with Jesus

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Announced the birth of Jesus to Mary (Luke 1:30), Joseph (Mathew 1:20), Shepards (Luke 2:9)

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Ministered to Jesus during his testing in wilderness (Mark 1:13)

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Ministered to Jesus in garden of Gethsamane (Luke 22:43)

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Rolled away the stone at resurrection (Mathew 28:2)

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Announced news of resurrection (Mathew 28:5)

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Sent the Message of Jesus to seven churches (Revelation 1:1)

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**Lord Jesus will return with angels** (II Thessalonians 1:7)

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Mathew 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?



# Angels are prominent in the Bible ...

## Some examples in OT

- **Lot's family rescue** [Genesis 19: 15](#) And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.
- **Jacob's dream** [Genesis 28:12 12](#) And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.
- **Guidance and protection to Promised land** [Exodus 23: 23](#) For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.
- **Elijah fed** [I Kings 19:7](#) And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee
- **Daniel saved from Lions** [Daniel 6:22](#) My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me:

**Angels are  
prominent in  
the Bible ...  
in end times  
(Revelation)**

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Messenger to seven churches, Revelation 1:1

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Seven angels with seven trumpets, Revelation 8:2

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Key to bottomless pit, Revelation 9:1

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Engaged in warfare in heaven, Revelation 12:7

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Execute judgement, Revelation 16:1

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examples in  
NT

Seen before ... interactions associated with Jesus  
... end times in Revelation

Enable apostles escape from Prison

*Acts 5<sup>19</sup>* But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, <sup>20</sup> Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Messenger to Paul

*Acts 27:<sup>23</sup>* For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, <sup>24</sup> Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

Initial reaction  
to angels ...  
often fear

**Luke 2:9** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and *they were sore afraid.*

# Believers versus angels

## TODAY (for a short time)

**Psalm 8:5** For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. (quoted in Hebrews 2:7)

**Church teaches angels ... Ephesians 3:10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

**What can church teach angels?** Truth revealed through Christ

**Angels carry departed saints ..** “beggar died, and was carried by the angels” (Luke 16:22)

## FUTURE ELEVATED POSITION

**I Corinthians 6:3** Know ye not that we shall judge angels?

*So angels are prominent  
and powerful ... **but**  
Jesus is superior!*

## Why compare Jesus to angels?

Jews had high regard for angels and some even worshipped angels ... hence important to teach new Jewish converts that Jesus was superior to angels.

- Law was given through angels (Acts 7:53, Galatians 3:19)
- Tendency to worship angels (Colossians 2:18)

Jesus is better

Being made **so much better** than the angels ... (4)



## Jesus Christ is better than Angels (5-14)

<sup>5</sup> 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? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

<sup>7</sup> And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. <sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. <sup>10</sup> And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

<sup>11</sup> They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? <sup>14</sup> Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

# #1

## A better name and better relationship

### (5)

<sup>5</sup>For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, his day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

**Psalms 2:7** I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son**; this day have I begotten thee.

### Son of God

- Sonship comes with a superior relationship
  - God communicates with son at a different level
  - Christ as son shows his deity and equality with God
  - No angel referred to God as his father. Jesus Christ is God's only son (John 3:16 God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son ...)
  - Begotten one (shows equality in nature) (Jesus was not created)
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- When angels referred to as 'sons of God' it does not denote the same relationship ... **Job 1:6**  
Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them

# #2

## Jesus is Worthy of worship ... not angels (6)

6 and let all the angels of God  
worship him”

- “Let all angels of God worship Him” (Deuteronomy 32:43, not found in original KJV but found in Hebrews and later translations after discovery of Dead Sea scrolls; many Bibles note in footnote)
- **Angels worship Christ** ... worshipper is inferior to the one being worshipped; So Christ is superior to angels
  - **Revelation 7:11** And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,
  - **Revelation 22:8** 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. <sup>9</sup>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.
  - **Nehemiah 19:6** and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

# #3 Angels minister (7)

**(v.7) Psalms 104:4** Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Angels are ministering spirits / servants in God's presence

Angels are equipped to serve God in different roles as needed

# #4 Jesus is God (8)

<sup>8</sup> 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

God, the Father, calls messiah as God (8, Psalms 45:6)

One God in three persons (Trinity)

Jesus called God in John 1:1, John 20:28 (by Thomas) Titus 2:13, 3:4 (by Paul)

- **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- **John 20:28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.
- **Titus 3:4** But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

# #5 He is the anointed one, seated on the Throne (8-9)

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

**(v.8-9) Psalms 45:6-7** Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. <sup>7</sup> Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Jesus is the anointed one, seated at the right hand of the Father.

Jesus is the anointed King with an eternal kingdom

[Luke 1:32-33](#) ... and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: <sup>33</sup> And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

# #6 Creator (10)

<sup>10</sup> And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Jesus is the creator (Trinity engaged in creation)

- [Genesis 1:1-2](#) In the beginning God created ... And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters
- [John 1:3](#) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made
- [Job 33:4](#) The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

# #7 Immutable (11-12)

<sup>11</sup> They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; <sup>12</sup> 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 will decay and perish, but Jesus does remain and does not change. He is immutable (unchangeable).

**Malachi 3:6** For I am the Lord, I change not;

**Numbers 23:19** God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?



## Angels minister to saints (13-14)

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**(v.13, also 10:13) - Psalms 110:1** The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Christ will reign, Angels will serve (minister)

Angels serve and protect believers (guardian angels) (14)

Personal  
protection for  
believers by  
Angels ...  
guardian  
angel?

**Luke 15:10** Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

**Psalms 34:7** The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

**Psalms 91:11** For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

**Mathew 18:10** Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is In heaven.

Is it angel or  
satan giving the  
message?

1 John 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: <sup>3</sup> And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

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Better Name & Better relationship with God

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Jesus is God

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Jesus is Seated on the throne and Reigns

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Jesus is Creator

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Jesus is Immutable

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**Summary**

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