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Intro to Hebrews 1:4-2:4

Angels are somewhat mysterious creatures in the Bible. They are spirits, yet they are seen by many people at various times. They are messengers that God sends to communicate His law (Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2), His promises (Gen. 22), and His judgments (Gen. 19). They are more powerful than humans (man was made “a little lower than the angels” according to Psalm 8). Yet humans are the pinnacle of creation and the object of God’s work of redemption.

Since angels are mysterious and powerful, it was important for the author of Hebrews to differentiate between Jesus and them. Jesus was also mysterious and powerful in His time on earth, but He was fully man. He could be seen, touched, and heard. That eliminates some of the mystery. So, who is greater? Jesus or the angels?

This is the question Hebrews sets out to answer in this opening chapter. If Jesus is not greater than angels, then we might as well stick with the law, which was given to us directly from God by the angels. But, if Jesus is greater than angels, then the best course of action is to follow Him exclusively.

Context

The opening argument in Hebrews is related to the Old Covenant. The author is going to argue from the greater to the lesser. Jesus is greater than the angels who communicated the covenant. He is greater than Moses, the original mediator of that covenant. He is greater than Joshua who sought to give the people rest in the covenant. He is greater than the priests who continued as mediators of the covenant through the sacrifices they performed in the tabernacle/temple. Then finally, Jesus is greater than all people of faith who have ever lived. Truly, as Pastor Don’s series title expresses, Jesus is greater than everything!

Read and Reflect *(Use this section to write down any thoughts you had on the sermon. Make sure to note any questions you had about something in the passage or in the sermon.)*

Read Hebrews 1:4-2:4

“No Comparison”

The most important mission in life is determining what is most important.

Jesus is superior to angels...

Because the Father...

- 1) Bestows upon Him an exclusive name
- 2) Commands the angels to worship Him
- 3) Calls Him God
- 4) Declares He shall remain forever
- 5) Invites Him to sit at His right hand

Explanation

Exhortation: Don't drift away!

