

DISCUSSION IDEAS  
**THE EXALTED SON SUPERIOR TO ANGELS**

Hebrews 1:5-14

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This week we need to think about how we look at Scripture. What does God intend us to understand from His Word?

Part of the context is who the audience was, and how they used the language they spoke. It is easy for us to be unaware that people of other languages do not think the same way that we do. In what languages were the New Testament and the Old Testament written? Definitely not English, right?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: WHAT WAS THE SITUATION WITH THE READERS OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS?**

Most of us have not studied the historical background of individual books of the Bible. Good resources for this information is available in Study Bibles and online at <https://bible.org/series/new-testament-introductions-and-outlines>, biblegateway.com, and Google search. Even Wikipedia can help (taking a grain of salt as to its accuracy).

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: WHY THE EMPHASIS ON ANGELS?**

First, read through the whole chapter 1 of Hebrews. (It is only 14 verses long.)

The readers of Hebrews did not worship angels, but did hold them in very high esteem.

According to Galatians 3:19, how did God pass the Law on to Moses?

What do you read in Hebrews 2:2?

The Bible mentions angels hundreds of times. Who are they? What does Heb. 1:14 call them?

What does Col. 1:16 say about Who created them?

So: In what ways is Jesus superior to any angel?

How does that show the credibility of Jesus' message?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: JESUS' UNIQUE SUPERIORITY**

In Heb. 1:3, what did Jesus accomplish before He was exalted?

How does that action alone make Him superior to ANYONE else in creation?

Note that the words "After He had..." or "When He had..." in verse 3, and "having become ..." or "So he became..." in verse 4 are all completed action.

What followed this action? Jesus had eternally existed before He was born in Bethlehem. He had lived as a man on Earth....doing what?

Now what happens? To what level of importance was Jesus exalted?

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: OLD TESTAMENT QUOTATIONS.**

In verse 5 and following, the writer of Hebrews applies several Old Testament quotations to Jesus.

Remember, the writer of these Old Testament quotations used thoughts a bit differently than we do.

Dealing just with verse 5, what quotations do you see?

Considering the first quotation, look at Psalm 2:7. This Psalm was referring to King David as a unique "son" of God. David inherited his kingship from his Father, God. This psalm was later used at the coronation of David's descendent kings, "sons" of David, and therefore also "sons" of God.

Yet here the statement is applied to Jesus. In the context of Heb. 1:3-4, when was this said to Jesus?

What action of Jesus (v. 3b) led to this statement?

Can you see that the words "today I have begotten you" do NOT refer to Jesus birth in Bethlehem? They refer to His becoming the exalted KING!

Now look at the second quotation in verse 5. Read Psalm 87:20-29. Compare 2 Samuel 7:8-16. Clearly these are spoken about King David's son Solomon. [2 Samuel 7:14 makes it clear that the descendant mentioned is not Jesus, because punishment is mentioned.] YET, in Hebrews the Sonship is applied to Jesus.

Again, what is the context of the Hebrews passage? Is it Jesus birth? or is it Jesus exaltation in Heaven?

♦ **REFLECTION: JESUS IS AMAZING!!**

Let's not dumb down our view of Who Jesus IS.

Remember, although Jesus always has been the Creator GOD, fully deity, He became a REAL human, with REAL emotions and REAL temptations. He is truly BOTH God and Man.

How mind-boggling is what Jesus did?

As the songs say "What love is THIS?" and "WHAT A SAVIOUR!"

Dwelling on this, what should be our response?

How should we live every minute?

*P.S.: My uncle (94 yrs old) passed away last week. He is with Christ today!*

*Another friend also passed away last week, but that friend is most likely awaiting the lake of fire. How sad!!*

***Where are your friends headed?***