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CONTEXT: Remember that the Preacher (*the writer of Hebrews*) wrote to a house church of messianic Jews. Some of them were drifting in their commitment to Christ and others tempted to defect and return to Judaism. He warns them not to drift or defect, but to hold on to the message of the exalted Son.

Also remember that, to the Jews, the angels were God's A-team messengers.

The Preacher is getting the point across, that not only is Jesus superior to angels, but His message is highly superior also.

Before starting the discussion, read through Hebrews 1 again to re-load your memory.

Be aware that in verses 5-14 the Preacher strings together 7 Old Testament quotations.

What point is he driving home?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: JESUS WAS CROWNED KING.**

Look at Hebrews 1:5-6.

What, specifically does God say about Jesus?

What does He say about angels?

How do these statements contrast?

Now look at Psalm 2:7. This is from a coronation song, first spoken to King David.

Compare this to God's covenant with David in 2 Samuel 7:1-17.

What did God promise in verses 12-16?

Who was God talking about here? (*Hint: not David*)

What is the promise of v. 13?

How does this apply to Jesus?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: CONTRAST OF THE ANGELS**

Back to Hebrews 1:6-7. In Psalm 97:7, "Worship Him, all you gods", the term "gods" refers to supernatural beings, and therefore to angels.

Why would God tell the angels to worship the Son?

What point is the Preacher making by quoting this in Hebrews 1?

In Heb. 1:7, quoting Psalm 104:4, God describes the role of angels. What is that?

How does that contrast to the position of Jesus?

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: JESUS THE "FIRSTBORN"**

In Heb. 1:6, why is Jesus called the "firstborn"?

What does that term imply? What was the importance of a first-born son in that culture?

What idea is the Preacher getting across?

♦ **REFLECTION: WHO JESUS IS !**

Consider the attributes that the Father applies to the SON, to Jesus:

- **HE IS DEITY** – God the Father addresses the Son as *God* and *Lord* then ascribes exclusively divine attributes to Him.
- **HE IS ETERNAL** – the Son existed before creation and His kingdom is forever and ever, His year will have no end.
- **HE IS SELF-EXISTENT** – the Son existed prior to creating the earth and heavens.
- **HE IS THE CREATOR**
- **HE IS THE SOVEREIGN RULER OF THE UNIVERSE** – He will roll up the heavens and earth like a robe.
- **HE IS TRANSCENDENT** – the Son exists apart from the creation.
- **HE IS IMMANENT** – the Son participates within creation.
- **HE IS IMMUTABLE** – His character does not change – He is the same.

We see that Jesus is vastly superior – period.

Look back at Heb. 1:3-4.

Yes, Jesus is the Eternal God, BUT.....

List the acts of Jesus that earned Him Supreme Exaltation:

How human is He? Try to wrap your mind about how amazing that fact is!

What makes Jesus unique in all eternity?

What amazing love did it take for Jesus to accomplish purification of sins, and to accomplish the redemption of you and me?

Jesus' message is not just a good message. How important is it?

What am I going to do in response to that message\?