

# JESUS IS **BETTER**

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Week 2—Better than the Angels (Heb. 1:4-14)**

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## **Authorship of Hebrews...**

Many theories from Paul to Luke to Apollos to Barnabas to Silas to an unnamed female author or apostle...

### **Hebrews 1:3-9**

1. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ as God, whereas the angels worship God (vs. 3-9)

### **Hebrews 1:10**

2. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_, whereas angels are creation (vs. 10)

### **Hebrews 1:11-14**

3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ over the created order, whereas angels serve the created order (vs. 11-14)

## **Angels and Jesus...**

Angels can minister TO us, but only Jesus can minister \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Angels can SERVE us physically, but only Jesus can \_\_\_\_\_ us spiritually.

Angels have been USED by God, but only Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Angels delivered the terms and conditions of the Old Covenant, but Jesus delivered the terms and conditions of the New and \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant!

## **So What? (Life Application)**

Under the Old Covenant, God used intermediaries to relate to a sinful people (prophets, priests and angels). Under the New Covenant God relates directly to His righteous people, made clean and holy by the work of Jesus Christ!

The "Fear of the Lord" is to live in stunned \_\_\_\_\_ and amazement of everything Jesus has accomplished for us! It is not about being afraid of God. Jesus and Paul made this clear when they taught us to relate to Him as our \_\_\_\_\_ (Daddy, Papa).

## SMALL GROUP Q'S

### Personal Life:

1. As you begin your conversation, spend a few minutes talking about angels. What are some of the things you know about angels from the Bible? What are some of the questions you still have? Have fun with this and be honest about your thoughts...

### Ponderings:

2. Read Hebrews 1:14 as a group and discuss the following thoughts and questions...

If God can now minister to us directly through the indwelling Holy Spirit, why do you suppose He still includes angels as agents of His ministry to believers?

Have you ever experienced what you thought may have been an encounter with an angelic presence? If so, share about that experience with your group...

What are your thoughts about so-called "Guardian Angels?" Discuss...

3. Review the notes from the weekend message and discuss further the implications of why angels are deserving of our *appreciation*, but not our *adoration*.
4. We may not look to mediators like angels to relate to God on a daily basis, but can you think of any other mediator less than Jesus that you tend to rely upon, either consciously or sub-consciously, for your intimacy with God? Discuss whether you've ever struggled with the following "false-mediators" when relating to Him:
  - Your performance (earning or unearning closeness with God by works)
  - Your feelings (if I "feel" Him, He must be near...if not, He may not be)
  - Your circumstances (things going well vs. not going well)
  - People you admire (spiritual leaders, "strong" believers, etc.)

### Promptings:

5. Why are the above things unbiblical and unhealthy to look to as a source of connection to God? Why is Jesus the only one trustworthy for that intimacy with Abba? If you don't already do so, will you practice referring to God as Abba, Dad or Papa in the week ahead? Give it a try, and see how it affects your communication with God...