

Greater Than Angels

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Hebrews 1:14 (ESV) O/H

Are Angels not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

The purpose of this section of Hebrews is to establish that Jesus is superior to angels, all the heavenly host. Hebrews clearly declares that we only worship Jesus and never worship angels. The worship of angels is a demonic heresy abhorrent to Christianity.

Hebrews 1:4 (ESV)

Jesus is much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Even the angels themselves worship Jesus.

Hebrews 1:6 (ESV)

Let all God's angels worship Jesus.

What do we know about angels? Angels are created beings that serve God. They are not male and female and do not marry. They existed before the earth was created.

Job records that the angels rejoiced when God created the earth.

Job 38:7 (ESV)

The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God (angels) shouted for joy.

Also, we know that God created millions of angels.

Revelation 5:11 (ESV)

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads (mir-e-ids) of myriads and thousands of thousands.

Mir-e-ids often means countless. This means that countless upon countless of angels were created. They are powerful beings doing God's ministry.

Hebrews 1:7 (ESV)

Of the angels God says,
“He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers, a flame of fire.”

These millions of powerful angels, flames of fire, are to “serve” us, those who have trusted Christ.

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Angels are not all knowing, and they are fascinated by God's salvation of mankind.

1Peter 1:12

The salvation of man are things into which angels long to look at and observe.

The church demonstrates the manifold wisdom of God to the angels, the rulers, and authorities in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 3:10 (ESV) O/H

Through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

As a note: It is total nonsense to believe that we become angels. In heaven we will be over the angels and judge angels.

1 Corinthians 6:3 (ESV)

Do you not know that we are to judge angels?

Hallelujah!! Hebrews completes discourse on angels. However, to understanding angels, these glorious servants of God, we must touch on Satan and fallen angels. First, their judgment is clear.

Revelation 20:10 (ESV)

The devil was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur and will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

How did it start? Sometime after creation, Satan rebelled. We know it was after creation, because we saw in Job that at creation all the Heavenly host together shouted for joy. The Fall!

Revelation 12:3-4 (ESV)

And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, Satan. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth.

Satan fell from heaven to earth bringing 1/3 of the angels with him. Thus, we have a continuing spiritual conflict playing itself out today on earth. Wallace: I believe there were 3 ruling archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Satan.

Thus, when Satan fell 1/3 of the angels which he was over fell with him. Isaiah 14 records that fall.

Isaiah 14:12 (ESV)

How you are fallen from heaven,
O Day Star, son of Dawn (Satan)!

However, Satan in his fallen state still has a great amount of power. We see this when Satan tempts Jesus in the wilderness in Matthew 4. Also note this interaction between Satan with God.

Job 1:6–7 (ESV)

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God (created beings) came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. ⁷ The LORD said to Satan, “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”

We also see that Satan and his angels are walking to and fro on the earth confirmed by the NT.

1 John 5:19 (ESV)

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

Continuing in Job, we see another fascinating exchange and learn a profound insight.

Job 1:8 (ESV)

And the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?”

Dear God, why don't you slap Satan silly or worse? But God has a deeper eternal lesson to show us. God's answer to Satan, “Have you considered MY servant Job.” The word “considered” means “fastened your eyes upon or lock your eyes on”. God told Satan, “ Lock his eyes on Job,” not all the world belongs to you. God's answer to Satan is God's people. Now Satan's reply to God gives us fascinating insight.

Job 1:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for no reason? ¹⁰ Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

Satan can't touch Job, can't touch his family, can't touch his possessions because God has put a hedge around them. Satan can't touch us because God has built a hedge around us. Believers have power over Satan.

James 4:7 (ESV) O/H

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Halleluiah, Jesus is superior! Satan and his supernatural powers and the whole hierarchy of evil was disarmed at the cross of Jesus. Therefore, the evil one cannot touch us.

Colossians 2:14–15 (ESV) O/H

¹⁴ God set aside the Law, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Jesus.