

2. The First Comparison: Christ is better than the angels.

- a. The argument: Christ, by virtue of what He has done, what His person is, and what He continues to do, is superior to the angels (v. 4). The following reason is based on Old Testament citations that are completed in the Lord Jesus.

b. The reasoning:

(1) What God says of His Son

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| --"my son" 1:5 | --Ps. 2:7 |
| --"let the angels worship Him" 1:6 | --Ps. 97:7 |
| --"your throne (O God) is forever" 1:8-9 | --Ps. 45:6-7 |
| --"you are remaining" 1:10-11 | --Ps. 102:25-26 |
| --"sit" 1:13-14 | --Ps. 110:1 |
| --"until I make" | --Ps. 110:1 |

In viewing this fully we must note what the character and functions of angels are...and how the Son is shown above them.

(2) The resultant picture is seen of the Son. He is:

- Divine heir
- Receiver of worship
- Eternal king
- Unchanging person
- Completely vindicated
- Divinity in every aspect.

(3) Summary notes:

- The honor given the Lord Jesus in this chapter is based on the fact that He is identified as God, v. 8, and has perfectly accomplished a work creation, redemption, and oversight.

- c. The Warning: To each of the revelatory portions in the letter to the Hebrews, the author gives a warning of the consequences of not obeying the light that is revealed. I think (you do not need to agree) that the warnings are all immediately connected with the forgoing revelation and as such each must be understood in the light of the immediate context. All together they form an impressive "beware" list.

(1) What we must do:

- pay attention 2:1
- for if..2:2
- how shall we escape 2:3
- if we neglect 2:3
- for the Lord has spoken 2:3