

There is No Reason to Turn Back!
An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

3: “Christ Superior to Angels”
 Hebrews 1:4-9

Galatians 3:19

“¹⁹ Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.”

Acts 7:53

“⁵³ you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it.”

Hebrews 1:4-9

“⁴ ...having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. ⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say,

‘YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY
 I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU’?

And again,

‘I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM
 AND HE SHALL BE A SON
 TO ME’?

“⁶ And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

‘AND LET ALL THE ANGELS
 OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.’

⁷ And of the angels He says,

‘WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,
 AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME
 OF FIRE.’

⁸ But of the Son He says,

‘YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS
 FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE
 RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE
 SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM. ⁹ YOU
 HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS
 AND HATED LAWLESSNESS;
 THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD,
 HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE
 OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR
 COMPANIONS.’

Hebrews 1:4
 “⁴ ...having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.”

First Argument
Jesus inherited a more excellent name than angels.

Hebrews 1:5
 “⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say, ‘YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU’? And again, ‘I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME’?”

Verses 5-6
 Verses 7-12
 Verses 13-14

Aorist	verse 5	“To which of his angels did He ever <u>say</u> ”
Present	verses 6-8	“When He again brings the first born into the world He <u>says</u> ”
Perfect	verse 13	“But to which of the angels has He ever <u>said</u> .”

Luke 1:32
 “³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.”

John 7:42

“⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”

Revelation 5:5

“⁵ And one of the elders said to me, ‘Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.’”

Psalm 97:7-Verse 6 -- Angel’s worship the Son

Psalm 104:4-Verse 7 -- Angels as His ministering spirits

Psalm 45:6-Verse 8 -- Jesus’ throne is eternal

Psalm 45:7-Verse 9 -- Anointed above all

Psalm 102:25-Verse 10 -- Present at the foundation for earth

Isaiah 51:6-Verse 11 -- Jesus has no end

Psalm 102:26-Verse 12 -- Jesus has no end

Psalm 110:1-Verse 13 -- Jesus sits at God’s right hand

Hebrews 1:6

“⁶ And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, ‘**AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.**’”

Second Argument

Angels are commanded to worship Him.

Luke 2:13-14

“¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ ‘Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.’”

Hebrews 1:7-9

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 ‘WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,
 AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.’

⁸ But of the Son He says,
 ‘YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND
 EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS
 THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM. ⁹ YOU
 HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND
 HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD,
 YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH
 THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR
 COMPANIONS.’”

Third Argument

**Christ is superior
 because of His divine
 sovereignty.**

Revelation 19:10

“¹⁰ Then I fell at his feet to worship
him. But he said to me, ‘Do not do
that; I am a fellow servant of yours
 and your brethren who hold the
testimony of Jesus; worship God. For
 the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of
 prophecy.’”

Hebrews 1:8-9

“⁸ But of the Son He says,
 ‘YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS
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 THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD,
 HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE
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**Christ more than deserved
 His inheritance.**

Hebrews 1:4

“⁴ ...having become as much
 better than the angels, as He has
inherited a more excellent name
 than they.”

**I will be a Father to Him
and He will be a Son to me.
Hebrews 1:5.**

**With each passing day of life
it becomes important that
while remembering Jesus'
eternal sonship, we also
reflect on our sonship.**

Galatians 3:23-29

“²³ But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.”