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Hebrews 1:5-14

Old Testament Promises of the
Superiority of Jesus to the Angels

~ Part 2 – verses 10-14 ~

The Lord is the unchanging Creator (1:10-12)

¹⁰ And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

Psalm 102:25-27

- Psalm 102 begins with the psalmist's desperate prayer amid affliction
- The psalm affirms the Lord's ruling authority and compassion
- There is hope for them and the future generations of His people because the Lord has ultimate power as the eternal Creator
 - He commands the changes of things around Him
 - Yet He is righteous and dependable because He is unchanging
 - The future generations of His faithful people will have security and provision
- Jesus is superior to the angels because He created the angels

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¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed.

- Jesus, being Sovereign over creation, plans to refashion the heavens and the earth for the eternal state
- A far more glorious creation is coming
 - We long for our eternal change
 - Creation longs for the thorough change promised by the Creator
 - Romans 8:18-23

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"But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

- Jesus is affirmed as the eternal and unchanging God described in Psalm 102
 - Our Lord is not adapting and changing
 - Jesus provides bedrock stability
- The redemptive fulfillment achieved by Jesus means the standards and teachings of Jesus will not adapt and change with time
 - Our hope and purpose are built on the unchanging nature of our Lord
 - Jesus is unchanging truth, and He is unwavering righteousness
 - Matthew 7:24-27
 - Shifting sands of impulsiveness and inconsistency will not endure hard times
 - Repenting from sin and selfishness, and obeying Jesus brings solidity and endurance

God the Father promises His Son victory (1:13)

¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

- Psalm 110 is the most quoted Psalm in the New Testament
 - Psalm 110:1
- His heavenly Father welcomes Him to His throne, welcoming Him to sit in exalted authority
 - The scepter of His authority accompanies His warriors in the midst of His enemies
 - The victory over His enemies is certain
 - The Lord promises to be at our side in all the battles
 - Triumph is certain

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- No angel has ever been placed in such an exalted position – ¹³ *And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?*
 - The Son’s fulfillment of the promise of redemption activates the Father’s victory march on behalf of His Son
 - The Father is bringing the enemies of the Lord to His feet so that He stands on their necks in triumph
 - Yes, the angels were involved in the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai
 - But the Lord brings victory over all His enemies

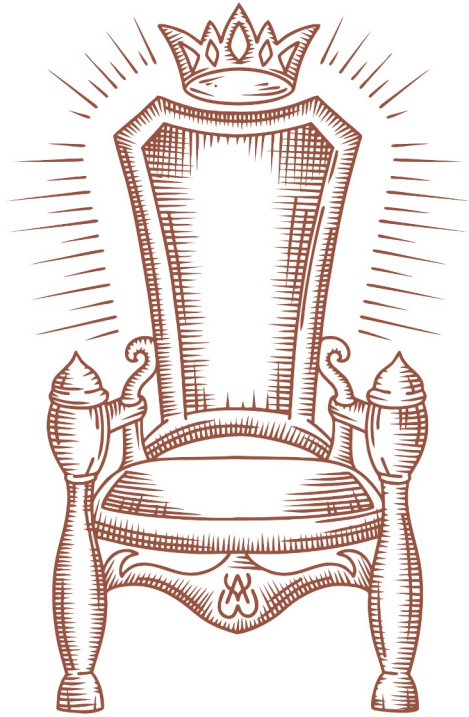
Angels provide service to all the saved subjects of the Lord's kingdom (1:14)

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

- Angels don't rule, they serve
 - God commands them to care for His people
 - If their mission is to serve the saints, it makes no sense to idolize them
 - The care and concern they provide should bring us joy and increase our gratitude to God
- Our salvation and submission to Jesus as Savior and Lord means we are the blessed subjects of His kingdom
 - Matthew 6:33
 - Angels as protectors and spiritual warriors are part of the gift we receive as subjects of His kingdom
- We should not retreat but trust our Lord and the resources He provides

Questions to Consider

- How should the creative power of Jesus bring worship, peace, and hope to you today?
- Why is the changelessness of our Creator, Jesus Christ, important?
- How has trusting Jesus, and His will and ways, brought stability to your life?
- What wisdom is there in turning from the Savior and Lord because the battles promoting His victory are tough and bloody?
- How is the Lord's instruction to His holy angels to care for His people reassuring to you?



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