

Spiritual Growth Questions for April 26, 2020

(take one question each day and grow deeper in Bible study)

Opener: What is the difference between the person of Christ and the work of Christ? Why would it be important to start evangelistic conversations about the person of Christ and then His work?

1. **Read Hebrews 1:4, Matthew 1:21, Philippians 2:9-11, Acts 3:6, 4:12.** After reading these passages: Why is Jesus' name superior to all other names? According to these passages: Who is this Christ according to the Scriptures?
2. **Read Hebrews 1:5-14.** Work together and list the seven familiar contrasts between Christ and the angels in verses 5-14. The writer quotes verses from the Writings, the Prophets and the Law. Why would he do that? How do these quotations present Jesus?
3. **Read Hebrews 1:8-13, Revelation 5:11-14.** How is Christ's throne going to last forever? Why was the cross confusing to the disciples regarding God's kingdom lasting forever?
4. **Read Hebrews 1:7, 14. Then read Judges 13:20, Matthew 4:11, Luke 22:43, 1 Peter 1:12.** Write down what you see the angels doing? How do you see them serving Christ and His people?
5. What are some of the ways angels are presented in our culture? What differences do you see from this description in Hebrews? What are you learning about the worship of angels?
6. **Read Galatians 1:8-9, 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, Revelation 22:8-9.** What are Paul and John teaching about angels and errant teaching? Discuss any current examples of this in our times?
7. **After reading Hebrews chapter 1.** Is it possible to believe in God without believing in Christ as the only way? Discuss theologically why this is impossible?
8. Work together with another person to answer these **three** questions: Who is Jesus Christ? What has He done? What is the significance for us?
9. What are some things you consider supreme? How does the reality of Christ's superiority over all things change the way you view those things? How does Christ's supremacy affect the way you live your life day to day?

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Better with Jesus: A Study of the Book of Hebrews

Jesus Name above all Names

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The book of Hebrews presents the greatness of Christ like no other New Testament writing. The author knew that by remembering and lifting up Jesus, he would help the readers endure their difficult circumstances. As this book is read, it demands a response. Let's take advantage of this time to listen to Him and pray this study will help us grow and be Better with Jesus!

Hebrews 1:4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. 5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? 6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 7 Of the angels he says, "He 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, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." 10 And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; 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. But you are the same, and your years will have no end." 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"? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Key Question: Who is this Christ? Begin studying the person of Christ before you focus on the work of Christ.

Big Idea: The greater our vision of Jesus is, the greater our worship, work and mission will be.

- I. Recognize the _____ of Jesus is above all names.

Hebrews 1:4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Philippians 2:9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 3:6

Angels were messengers... Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus' name is exalted above angels. Increase our vision of Jesus!

II. Jesus Christ is _____ by angels. Hebrews 1:5-6

Hebrews 1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you." Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son."

Psalms 89:26 He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' 27 And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

The Old testament passages quoted here are taken from one of the major divisions of the Hebrew Scriptures: Psalm 2:7 from the Writings, 2 Samuel 7:14 from the Prophets, and Deuteronomy 32:43 from the Law. Mohler

Hebrews 1:6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

God never made any claim of Sonship for any of the angels.

Matthew 3:17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**Jesus Christ is supreme in rank and relationship to God.
Increase our worship of Jesus!**

III. Jesus Christ is _____ because angels work for Him.
Hebrews 1:7,14

Hebrews 1:7 Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Matthew 26:53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

Angels work for Him! Increase His work in and through us!

IV. The throne of Jesus is _____ above all other thrones. Heb.1:8-14

Hebrews 1:8 But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. Psalm 45:6-7

Christ rules... angels serve.
Christ saves... angels assist Him in the work.

Hebrews 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.

Hebrews 1:10 And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands."

Philippians 2:9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 1:11 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. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.

Hebrews 12:28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 1:13 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."

Hebrews 1:14 Isn't it obvious that all angels are sent to help out with those lined up to receive salvation? (The Message).

**Increase the experience of His reign in our lives.
May I surrender all to Jesus! May He reign supreme in our souls!**