

February 2, 2025
HEBREWS 1:4-14
“Jesus Is Superior To The Angels”
“Worship The Creator, Not The Created”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Angels are created beings that have two major categories: good/servants and fallen/evil. There are several types of angels that are in the class of good angels, for example: Michael the archangel, Gabriel the messenger, cherubim angels, and seraphim.

The evil rebellious fallen angels are led by the fallen angel, Satan. All the rest are demons, some are free and roaming right now and others are bound for future times.

Our passage today contains seven O. T. quotations; all aimed to demonstrate the Superiority of Christ over the created beings called angels. Remember that on the road to Emmaus the risen Lord spoke to two men from the Scriptures and told them all about Himself? Same thing going on here, OT Scripture pointing to Jesus in the NT.

The Bible describes angels as masculine by means of the language. However, they are neither male nor female in the same manner as humans are. Angels are spirit beings that are always depicted as male in the Bible. In our rebellious world more angels are portrayed as female than male, but that's just not biblical. Do not deny their existence but do not worship them either, see: [Colossians 2:17-21](#); [Revelation 22:8-9](#); [Matthew 4:8-10](#).

In this pericope the immutability/changelessness of Jesus is contrasted with creation that will wear out and be replaced. Jesus is divine and eternal. A group called the Essenes were a secret society that believed in mystical elements of Judaism. They were big on angel names being preserved and had a secret list of those names and swore to preserve them, not biblical. This group disappeared after the destruction of Jerusalem. They are thought to have produced the Dead Sea Scrolls near Qumran.

Application:

Angels are awesome created beings of the spirit world. One will do well to acknowledge their existence and to be aware of their influence in the lives of men and women but only to the limit that the Bible makes perfectly clear about their: power, limits, influence, and position. Do not worship angels, some people of this day were in the erroneous habit of doing just that. There is and will be a tendency for some to worship angels whether good or bad. Consider the warning in [Colossians 2:18a](#), “Let no one condemn you by delighting in ascetic practices and the worship of angels . . .” This entire pericope in Hebrews is dedicated to declaring the superiority of Jesus Christ, the Creator, over the created. This world is passing away, “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” [Colossians 3:2](#). The earth will wear out but Jesus' years will never come to an end, meditate on [II Peter 3:10-13](#).