

He is Greater Heb 1:4-14
Hebrews for Today
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“We’d never be like the Hebrew people in Rome”. Really?

No one accustomed to Grace Church would debate the greatness of God. We’ve seen too much. We’ve experienced so much grace. We’ve been changed. We just can’t seem to shake it, God is Good and Jesus Christ has changed my life! That is true for everyone who knows Jesus.

Sometimes we get busy, or bored, intimidated, or prideful, frustrated, or just weary. Sometimes we get hyped up with all that we’re into, we simply lose focus. Sometimes we forget just how good God is and how amazing is His grace.

He is greater than the prophets of old - vs 1-3 and He’s greater than even angels in 1:4- 2:18.

Greater than the prophets of old: (review)

- He is the heir of all things
- He is the Creator of all things
- He is the radiance, (the actual) brightness of God’s glory
- He is the exact imprint of God
- He is the One who holds all things together
- He is the One who made purification for our sins
- He is the One who sits at the Father’s right hand. Heb 8:1; 10:12; 12:2

Jesus is Greater than the Angels

The Hebrew Christians, if not maturing in the Word, would be tempted to return to the legalism of the old covenant. *Why would anyone be tempted to go back?*

- Legalism says, I must please God for Him to be pleased with me. I must “do” something so He will have favor on me.
- Legalism says, “thanks for the cross but I’ll take it from here”.

Greater by His very name: Son of God v4-5

Consider the Name as understood in the Gospel:

- Philippians 2:5–11, Col 3:17
- (Ps 2:7; 2 Sam 7:14)

Angels worship and serve God v6-7

- Deut 32:43; Ps 97:7
- Ps 104:4

Now, let’s understand what God is telling us in His word about Jesus, higher than the angels and sufficient for the grace you and I need to live as He has designed for us. Take note of how these truths change your outlook on Jesus! *How do these truths help us ‘focus on Him’?*

1. Jesus is the King in the Kingdom v8 (Ps 45:6) (Help from DeHann)

- You can't help but see the constant references to the Davidic covenant. One where God promised that through David's line would sit One on the throne forever! That will be fulfilled only in Jesus!

2. Jesus is the sinless One v9

3. He is the Designer of the universe v10 (Ps 102:25-27)

4. He is the eternal Creator v11

5. He is the unchangeable One v12 (Ps 102:26; Heb 13:8)

- *"Before long He will fold up the worlds and put them aside as worn-out vestures, and He will array Himself in new attire, making a new heaven and a new earth wherein righteousness dwells."* Spurgeon

6. He is the final Conqueror v13 (Ps 110:1)

7. He is the Lord of the angels v14

- Gen. 28:12; 32:1, 2; Judg. 6:11; 13:3; Ps. 34:7; 91:11; 103:20-21; Matt. 18:10
- The angels were made to serve God. We have joy in serving Jesus. Ps 100:2, Heb 12:2

Applications: Share your ideas with each other

1. Do you find yourself unfocused in your busy schedule? What can you do to keep "looking to Jesus".
2. Are you aware of the greatness of Jesus in the midst of your own expectations?
3. Consider your 'serving'. Do you see the 'gladness', the 'joy'?
4. Find your place in serving Christ, for the sake of those who have yet to know His grace!