

# Hebrews

## *The Son Superior to Angels*

**1** In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. <sup>3</sup>The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup>So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father" <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup>?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son" <sup>c</sup>?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>d</sup>

<sup>7</sup>In speaking of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,  
his servants flames of fire." <sup>e</sup>

<sup>8</sup>But about the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever,  
and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>5</sup> Or *have begotten you*    <sup>4</sup>5 Psalm 2:7    <sup>5</sup> 2 Samuel 7:14; 1 Chron. 17:13

<sup>6</sup> Deut. 32:43 (see Dead Sea Scrolls and Septuagint)    <sup>7</sup> Psalm 104:4

<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions  
by anointing you with the oil of joy.”<sup>a</sup>

<sup>10</sup>He also says,

“In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations  
of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

<sup>11</sup>They will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment.

<sup>12</sup>You will roll them up like a robe;  
like a garment they will be changed.

But you remain the same,  
and your years will never end.”<sup>b</sup>

<sup>13</sup>To which of the angels did God ever say,

“Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet”<sup>c</sup>?

<sup>14</sup>Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

### *Warning to Pay Attention*

**2** We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. <sup>2</sup>For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. <sup>4</sup>God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

<sup>a</sup>9 Psalm 45:6,7 <sup>b</sup>12 Psalm 102:25-27 <sup>c</sup>13 Psalm 110:1

*Jesus Made Like His Brothers*

<sup>5</sup>It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>But there is a place where someone has testified:

“What is man that you are mindful of him,  
 the son of man that you care for him?  
<sup>7</sup>You made him a little<sup>a</sup> lower than the angels;  
 you crowned him with glory and honor  
<sup>8</sup>and put everything under his feet.”<sup>b</sup>

In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. <sup>12</sup>He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers;  
 in the presence of the congregation I will sing your  
 praises.”<sup>c</sup>

<sup>13</sup>And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”<sup>d</sup>

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”<sup>e</sup>

<sup>14</sup>Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the

<sup>a</sup>7 Or *him for a little while*; also in verse 9    <sup>b</sup>8 Psalm 8:4-6    <sup>c</sup>12 Psalm 22:22

<sup>d</sup>13 Isaiah 8:17    <sup>e</sup>13 Isaiah 8:18