

Angels



What do we think when we hear the word angels?

- ▶ The word angel means messenger
- ▶ They are created

Angels as related to man

- ▶ The angels are presently above man
- ▶ We will never become angels
- ▶ We are not to worship angels
- ▶ They rejoice when a sinner repents
- ▶ They are present when a child of God dies
- ▶ They watch over and care for God's children

The angels as related to Christ

- ▶ Hebrews 1:4-6 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."
- ▶ The Son is superior to the angels
- ▶ The angels worship the Son

- ▶ The Author quotes 7 times from the Old testament
- ▶ Five are from the book of Psalms
- ▶ One is from Samuel
- ▶ One is from Deuteronomy

- ▶ Hebrews 1:6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."(NIV)
- ▶ Again- on the other hand- only a few angels worshipped at the birth of Christ. At the second coming all the angels will worship the Son, indicating the Son's superiority

Difference between Jesus and angels

- ▶ Hebrews 1:7-9 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." 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. 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."(NIV)

Facts about angels

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- ▶ He makes- "the one making"
- ▶ God reduces the angels to the forces of nature

Facts about Jesus

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Anointing you with the Oil of Joy

- ▶ Psalm 45:7
- ▶ Anointed – set apart
- ▶ Oil of Joy –
- ▶ Hebrews 12:2 NIV fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- ▶ Hebrews 1:10-14 He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 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." To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?(NIV)