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Angels 101

Why Being "Better Than Angels" is a Big Deal



1. Try to _____ (1:4 - 2:18)

Hebrews 1:4

So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

(NIV)

2. Appreciate _____ (mini-excursus)

3. Be _____ (1:14; 2:16)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. While God never commands us to take any special or focused interest in angelic beings, learning something of their power, role and concerns can be very helpful in enhancing our understanding of God and can assist us in appreciating God's dealings with us. How has this been the case for you after this introductory sermon on the topic?

What will you do to keep these valuable insights in mind as you continue to walk with Christ?

2. Read **Matthew 26:53**. What difference does it make that Jesus has thousands of angelic beings poised to carry out his bidding? In what ways can this motivate you to serve Christ?

Having briefly studied the power inherent in this angelic class of God's creation (2Sam.14:20; 2Pt.2:11; Lk.20:36; Mt.28:2; Ac.5:18) how does it affect your thinking to know that there are millions of creatures that God has created that are considerably more wise and powerful than the smartest and strongest human beings?

3. Read **Luke 15:10**. How does the fact that God's angels take an interest in our lives impact the way you think about the choices you make?

4. Read **2 Peter 2:4** and **Hebrews 2:16**. How does God's dealings with angels help you to value the grace God has demonstrated toward you?

5. What is your response to the truth found in **Hebrews 1:14**?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

July 24th

Esth. 1-2 & Ps. 76-77

July 25th

Esth. 3-4 & Ps. 78

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Esth. 5-6 & Ps. 79-80

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Esth. 7-8 & Ps. 81-82

July 28th

Esth. 9-10 & Ps. 83-84

July 29th

Job 1-2 & Ps. 85-86

July 30th

Job 3-4 & Ps. 87-88

July 31st

Job 5-6 & Ps. 89

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon. (To view other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this current series please go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

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Ice, Thomas. **Overrun by Demons: The Church's New Preoccupation with the Demonic**. Harvest House, 1990.

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