

## WAY BETTER THAN THE ANGELS ~ Hebrews 1:5-14

→ Scripture Reading Isaiah 6:1-4 & Rev. 20:1-3

### INTRODUCTION

→ Pictures by Rembrandt, Bouguereau, and Raphael

### CONTRASTING THE SON AND THE ANGELS ~ Hebrews 1:5-9

[5] 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"? [6] And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

#### → The lesser ALWAYS Worships the Greater

[7] In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." [8] 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. [9] 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."

### APPLICATION

**Habakkuk 1:13** (NIV) Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong...

**Habakkuk 1:13** (NASU) Your eyes are too pure to APPROVE evil, And You can not look on wickedness with FAVOR...

#### → God does not grade on a CURVE

**Psalms 5:4** (ESV) For you are not a God who DELIGHTS in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

**2 Corinthians 4:2** (NIV) Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways...

### JESUS CHRIST IS SOVEREIGN ~ Hebrews 1:10-14

[10] He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. [11] They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. [12] 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." [13] To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? [14] Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANGELS** K. HUGHES

- Continuously Worship God
- Communicate God's Messages to Man
- Serve Christians
- Part of Final Judgments

## **THE MAJESTY OF JESUS CHRIST**

- He is Son of God
- He is Messiah son of David
- His throne is Eternal
- He Rules in Righteousness
- He is Immutable
- He is Omnipotent
- He is Sovereign Over ALL

## **APPLICATION**

### **GOD'S CLEAR PURPOSE...**

- The Son REIGNS
- The Angels SERVE

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him for ever.

## **TAKE AWAY ??**

**Matthew 24:35** (NIV) Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

**2 Peter 3:10-12** (NIV) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. [11] Since everything will be destroyed in this way, **what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives** [12] as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

**2 Peter 3:11-12** (JBP) ....what sort of people ought you to be? Surely **men of good and holy character, who live expecting and earnestly longing for the coming of the day of God**