Jesus is better! (Hebrews 1-2)

I. Jesus perfectly represents the Father and speaks for God

Hebrews 1

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

II. Jesus is better than the angels because He is God

Hebrews 1

⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say,

"YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"?

And again,

"I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"?

⁶ And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

"AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

⁷ And of the angels He says,

"WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."

⁸ But of the Son *He says*,

"YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

III. Jesus took on humanity to make full atonement for our sins and is now seated in heaven

Hebrews 2

¹⁴ Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. ¹⁶ For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

IV. Jesus died to defeat the devil and set us free from his power

Hebrews 2

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V. Jesus is our high priest who is able to help us when we are tempted

Hebrews 2

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