

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 25, 2013

Christ is Superior to the Angels
Hebrews 1:8-9

The author of the Book of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the Old Testament prophets in Hebrews 1:1-4.

The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the angels in Hebrews 1:5-2:18.

The author of Hebrews explained Christ's superiority to the angels in Hebrews 1:5-14.

The author of Hebrews quoting the Old Testament explained that Christ alone should be considered uniquely God's Son and thus superior to all others including the angels (Hebrews 1:5).

The author of Hebrews quoting the Old Testament explained that because Christ was being worshipped and served by angels, He should be considered superior to all others including the angels (Hebrews 1:6-7).

The author of Hebrews quoting the Old Testament explained that because Christ was eternal, Christ should be considered superior to all others including the angels (Hebrews 1:8-12).

The author of Hebrews quoting Psalm 45:6-7 (LXX 44:7-8) established the fact that Christ was eternal by pointing out to his readers that Christ's throne is eternal (Hebrews 1:8-9).

The author in quoting Psalm 45:6-7 not only communicated that Christ's throne is eternal, but also that His rule from that throne is characterized by righteousness.

We know that Christ's rule from His eternal throne will be characterized by righteousness, because the scepter of His kingdom, which served as a symbol of a monarch's authority, was described in Psalm 45:6-7 as the scepter of righteousness. The author of Hebrews in Hebrews 1:9 indicated in quoting Psalm 45:5-6 that God's response to Christ's love of righteousness and hatred of lawlessness was that He anointed Christ above His companions.

The companions that Christ has been anointed above are the angels.

May God give us the grace as the followers of Christ and citizens of His kingdom to reflect His love of righteousness and His hatred of sin, to the praise of His glory.