

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 24, 2013

Christ is Superior to the Angels
Hebrews 2:6-8

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.

After the author had explained the superiority of Christ, he then sounded a warning (Hebrews 2:1-4).

Christ's superiority to angels is not contradicted by His humanity in Hebrews 2:5-9.

What do we learn about God's intentions for man in Hebrews 2:5-9?

God's ultimate intention was not for angels to rule over man but for man to rule over angels (Hebrews 2:5).

God's ultimate intention for man is in accord with God's original intention for man (Hebrews 2:6-8).

The quotation that the author introduced to his readers in Hebrews 2:6-8 came from Psalms 8:4-6.

The word "man" (ANTHROPOS) is a collective noun referring to humanity in general.

The word "remember" (MINESKO) means "to call to mind."

The expression "son of man" should not be understood as a reference to Christ but to a singular man over and against humanity in general.

The word "concerned" (EPISKEPTOMAI) conveys the idea of looking upon someone with care.

Man is described as being "lower than the angels" because man presently, unlike the angels, is subject to mortality and other frailties.

The word for "crowned" (STEPHANOON) is not referring to a royal crown but to a victor's crown given to a person because of his exalted rank or position.

God crowned man with honor and glory when God appointed Adam over the works of His hands, thus putting all things in this world in subjection to Adam (Hebrews 2:6 cf. Genesis 1:26-31).

May God give us the grace to be filled with thanksgiving and praise as we reflect on the fact that in spite of our seeming present insignificance, that God's ultimate intention for us is and has always been to rule over angels in the world to come.