

## **“WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE ?”**

**(Hebrews 1:5-14)**

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**A recent study of all Americans, not just Christians, said that 76% believe in angels.**

**The Hebrew Christians were exposed to MANY examples of angels intersecting in the lives of their forefathers. Abraham, Lot, Jacob, David, Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah and others saw angels in the Old Testament.**

**In case we wonder at their POWER, we read:**

*And the Lord sent an angel, who annihilated all the fighting men and the leaders and officers in the camp of the Assyrian king. 2Chronicles 32:21*

**Angels are powerful and IMMORTAL:**

*...and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. Luke 20:36*

**The Hebrews were asking who was SUPERIOR: Jesus or the angels?**

**What ARE the differences?**

### **I. Jesus' RELATIONSHIP to the Father**

**“We believe that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one God, maker and ruler of every creature, and that the 'Father' is not the 'Son', nor 'Holy Spirit' 'Father' or 'Son'; but a Trinity of mutually related persons, and a unity of equal essence.”** -Augustine

**God is one essence, one God, but there are three distinct persons in the Godhead. Jesus is one of the three and CO-EQUAL with the Father. No ANGEL can claim that distinction.**

### **II. God ordered the angels to WORSHIP Jesus**

*I looked and heard the voice of many angels... In a loud voice they sang, “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.” Revelation 5:11-12*

### **III. The angels are inferior (by COMPARISON)**

*O Lord my God, You are very great: Who makes his angels spirits, his ministers a flame of fire.* *Psalm 104:1,4 (NKJV)*

**Angels are creations of God, not gods themselves. Jesus IS God and that makes all the difference.**

### **IV. Jesus' Kingdom will last FOREVER**

*The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever."* *Revelation 11:15*

### **V. Jesus acted as CREATOR**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.* *John 1:1-3*

**As powerful and amazing as they are, the Bible never describes the angels making ANYTHING. Jesus created EVERYTHING!**

### **VI. Jesus will be FOREVER**

*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.* *Matthew 28:20*  
*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."* *Revelation 22:13*

### **VII. Jesus is a SOVEREIGN to be served**

*If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.* *John 15:10*  
*... Jesus Christ, our only Sovereign and Lord.* *Jude 4*

### **VIII. The angels are to SERVE God and believers**

*For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;* *Psalm 91:11*

**Angels are great, magnificent, powerful, helpful, and immortal. But, they are created beings of almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**They serve at God's pleasure and are in no way the equivalent of the Son, who ALONE is Lord and Savior of mankind.**