

Jews at the time saw God as the only one higher than the angels. Some thought that angels were higher than the Messiah. They needed to see clearly that Jesus is better...

Jesus enjoys a unique relationship with God the Father

4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

"By inheritance" not by creation...

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Ps. 2:7-8 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Quoted again in Heb. 5:5

Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

2 Sam. 7:12-17 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." 17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

seed=Solomon, "Seed"=Jesus

Jesus is of the house of David, but of the House of God...therefore He has a "better name" (cf. 1:4)

- **Angels worship Him.**

But the angels, since they are created beings, must worship Him.

Anytime in the Bible you see people bowing to angels, they always tell them not to do so. Because they are commanded to worship Him, He must be superior.

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

- Angels serve Him.

7 Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

Ps. 104:4 he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.

The context of Ps. 104 is the creation of all things by God... He was instrumental in all things being created...including angels.

Jesus holds supreme power

8 But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

(Ps. 45:6, 7)

Scepter=supreme power

Symbol believed to have come from shepherd's staff.

He is the Good Shepherd watching over the flock.

He rules well "loved righteousness".

God anointed Him.

3 offices requiring anointing: prophet, priest, king

Prophet- 1:3

Priest- 1:3b

King- here in v. 9

How long does that supreme power last?

10 And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, 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 like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

(Ps. 102:25-27)

Answer: Forever

Jesus wins absolute victory

13 And to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

(Ps. 110:1)

No one can stand against Him and succeed.

Heb. 10:12,13 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

Matt. 22:41-45 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 44 "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? 45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

Ps. 110:1 is quoted 5 other times than this passage in Heb. 1...

14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

2 Sam. 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

He has the name...He has the throne...He has the kingdom...so I will worship Him, serve Him and proclaim His victory.