



The Point Is: Jesus Is God

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.” 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”? ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:10–14 (ESV)

In the first chapter of Hebrews the message that that Jesus is greater than the angels grows more and more intense. In the last few verses of chapter one in Hebrews we learn the greatest reason that Jesus is greater than the angels.

Even if we paid no attention to the verse numbers or to the fact that the new chapter is about to begin we would notice that the words have been building and building up to this climax about Jesus.

What do you think is the greatest power of all? Jesus is the Creator. He is God. There is nothing that exists that doesn’t owe its existence to Him. He has more authority and more power than anyone else in all of creation. He is the greatest.

In this lesson we will see that

- Jesus is the creator
- Jesus sits at the right hand of God the Father
- Jesus came from heaven
- Angels minister to those who believe in Jesus

Let’s take a look at Hebrews 1:10-12:

Jesus is the Creator

Not only did Jesus create the earth. He also created the heavens. He created the place where we live, and He also created the place where the angels live.

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.” Hebrews 1:10-12, ESV

²⁵ Of old you **laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands**. ²⁶ **They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment**. You will **change** them like a robe, and they will pass away, ²⁷ but you are the same, and your years have no end. Psalm 102:25-27, ESV

The message of Hebrews 1:1-14 builds on what was said in verse 2:

²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, **through whom also he created the world.** Hebrews 1:2, ESV

Jesus, as God the Son, acted as God the Father's agent "through whom ... he created the world." There are several other places in the New Testament where Jesus is also called the Creator (John 1:3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:6).

Not only was Jesus the creator of this world, but also rules over this creation, He will last longer than anything that now exists.

Years ago, I worked with a man who had been in concrete construction. We both worked at a college in the maintenance department, as carpenters who repaired broken furniture, windows and doors. One time a new dormitory was constructed. A concrete ramp for handicapped students was made to the basement of the building, and there was a mistake in the concrete retaining wall around it. The contractors just dug a deep hole around it, knocked the thing over into the hole, and buried it right there. Then they built another one without mistakes, and the old one remained buried in the ground near it, where it couldn't be seen. I asked my friend why they did that, and why they didn't load it into a truck and haul it away. He told me that hauling it away was very expensive, so they just buried their mistake. He said that when he worked in concrete construction it was called "a monument to ignorance." For ever and ever that concrete will remain deep in the ground, as a monument to the mistakes the workers made.

We commonly think of concrete as lasting forever, but of course, it won't last forever. We think of stones as lasting forever. They certainly exist for much longer periods of time than our bodies, but one day this world as we know it will pass away.

Jesus will be there when this whole creation passes away. All the stars and planets will be rolled up like a big tapestry, and everything in this creation will be gone. But Jesus will still be there.

Jesus was there, as the Son of God, before this world and its stars and galaxies were created. When they no longer exist, He will still be there. (Of course, those who belong to Him will also be there with Him).

The writer of Hebrews wants us to know how big Jesus is. He has always existed. He always will exist. If we remain in Him, He will cause us to continue to exist with Him. You will live with Him forever if you hold onto your faith in Him. So, hold onto your faith, and Jesus will keep hold of you!

Jesus the Son sits at the right hand of God the Father

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" ? Hebrews 1:13, ESV	The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." Psalm 110:1, ESV
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David, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote, "The Lord says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" (Psalm 110:1). When the writer of Hebrews quotes the words of Psalm 110 and applies them to Jesus, they are more true of Jesus than they were true of David and all the other kings descended from him. After His ascension into heaven Jesus sat at the "right hand" of God the Father. In the Bible "sitting at the right hand" refers to a position of greatness and favor (Genesis 48:18; 1 Kings 2:19; Psalm 45:9). To say that Jesus sits at the right hand of God the Father means that Jesus, God the Son, shares in reigning over all of creation, alongside God the Father.

Let's not forget the point that the writer of Hebrews is making, Jesus is greater than the angels. Psalm 110:1 clearly shows that Jesus is greater than King David, and that He sits at the right hand of God the Father in Heaven. As the one who sits at the right hand of God, Jesus is greater than not just King David, but He is also greater than the angels, because He rules over them.

And don't miss the phrase, "my Lord says to your Lord." Jesus pointed to this phrase from Psalm 110:1 when He asked the Pharisees a very pointed 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?" ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. Matthew 22:42-46 (ESV)

Jesus asked the Pharisees, who is the "father" of the Christ? "The Christ" is a term for the "anointed one," or the Messiah. The Pharisees answered that the Messiah is, "The Son of David" (Matthew 22:42). Jesus reminded them that King David wrote the words of Psalm 110:1. Then Jesus asked them, "If then David calls him Lord, how is he, his son?" In other words, how can the Messiah be David's Lord, who is greater than David, if he is David's son? How can a son be greater than his father? In ancient cultures a son inherited his father's authority. A son couldn't be greater than his father because everything that made him important came from his father.

Jesus used Psalm 110:1 to show that David considered the Messiah to be both his descendant and yet greater than himself. Jesus claimed to be the Messiah. Therefore, in accordance with the scriptures, Jesus, the Messiah, was greater than David. This was the word inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it verified Jesus as Messiah, making Jesus unique and worthy of high honor than King David.

In the New Testament Psalm 110:1 is quoted to point out two more significant truths about Jesus:

- It was the Holy Spirit who informed King David that the Messiah was his Lord. Mark 12:35-37, "And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶ David himself, in the **Holy Spirit, declared,** " 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet." ' ³⁷ **David himself calls him Lord.** So how is he his son?" And the great throng heard him gladly."
- Psalm 110:1 was fulfilled when Jesus was exalted as Messiah and King. Acts 2:30-35, "³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that **God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,** ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore **exalted at the right hand of God,** and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, " 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool." ' ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that **God has made him both Lord and Christ,** this Jesus whom you crucified."

Some of these descriptions of Jesus are overwhelming. The bottom line is that He is God, and He rules over all creation alongside of God the Father. Believers need to hold onto Jesus.

Jesus Came from Heaven

In the Gospel of John, we are shown that Jesus made it very clear that He came from Heaven:

- John 6:31 - "For **I have come down from heaven,** not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."
- John 6:51 - **I am the living bread that came down from heaven.** If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
- John 8:23 - "He said to them, 'You are from below; **I am from above.** You are of this world; **I am not of this world.**'"

The angels also came from heaven. It is very important to understand the difference between Jesus who came from heaven and the angels who came from heaven. Jesus is so much greater than the angels that there can be no real comparison between them.

Jesus became like a human being when He came from heaven. He was one of us so that He could die in our place, pay the price of our sin. Because He is God, He was able to rise again.

Angels Minister to Believers

The writer of Hebrews seems concerned that we might have forgotten about comparing Jesus to angels. The angels serve a great purpose for those who believe in Jesus:

The angels serve believers so that they may remain faithful to Jesus Christ and inherit the salvation. To do that they must remain steadfast in their faith in Jesus Christ. They are on the side of believers and are doing things to help believers continue in their faith.

Even though the angels are a great blessing to believers, the greatest blessing comes from Jesus. He died and rose again so that those who believe in Him might spend eternity with Him. Angels serve believers. Only Jesus could save believers from their sin and damnation.

The writer of Hebrews has told us that Jesus is greater than the angels so that we might know more about Him so that we will hold on more tightly to our faith in Him. We can know that Jesus is far greater than the angels. We can know that Jesus is God. We can know that Jesus became a man like us. We can know that He died on the cross. We can know that He rose again. We can know Jesus so that we can hold tightly to Him, and not lose our faith in Him.

Hebrews 1:10–14

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And, “You, **Lord**, **laid** the **foundation** of the **earth** in the **beginning**, and the **heavens** are the work of your **hands**; they will **perish**, but you **remain**; they will all **wear** out **like** a **garment**, **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.” 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**”? Are they not all **ministering spirits sent out to serve** for the **sake** of those who are to **inherit** salvation?