HEBREWS 1 HANDOUT, Orchard Valley, 17th November, 2019

The Unmatched Greatness of Jesus, the Issue of Invisibility and the Offer of Friendship

A. THE UNMATCHED GREATNESS OF JESUS

1. The Name of Jesus is superior to that of angels -

Heb 1:4 *having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they*

Angels are mere ______ of God; Jesus is the Son of God

2. The dignity of Jesus exceeds that of angels -

Heb 1:6 when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

"And let all the angels of God worship Him."

The angels _____ Jesus.

The nature of Jesus is superior to that of angels -

Heb 1:7 And of the angels He says, "Who makes His angels winds, And His ministers a flame of fire."

Angels are ______ that God uses; Jesus is fully a person choosing what he does.

3. The role of Jesus is superior to the angels -

Heb 1:8 "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,

And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom.

Angels merely speak, Christ_____, he is sovereign.

4. The character of Christ is superior to angels -

Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness

Jesus, as a person, ______ what is good and _____ what is bad. The angels just act without feeling.

5. The work of Christ is superior to that of angels -

Heb 1:10 You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,

And the heavens are the works of Your hands

Christ, the Word of God, was ______ at creation, the Big Bang, the ex nihilo event.

6. The destiny of Christ is superior to the angels -Heb 1:13 *"Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies A footstool for Your Feet"* The angels ______ Christ who has finished the work of salvation, the greatest feat that anyone can ever achieve.

B. THE ISSUE OF INVISIBILITY

C. THE OFFER OF FRIENDSHIP

Questions for Discussion:

From Hebrews One, which aspect of Jesus' superiority is most striking to you and Why?

Do you pray for specific things in your life - can you give examples? What are concrete and not general things that you would like to pray for?

What makes it easy for you to pray? What makes is difficult for you to pray? What would help you to become a constant prayer warrior?

What does the ideal friendship look like to you?

Imagine a world without limits. What would you like to do or to achieve in such a world?

What hinders you from getting to know God through the Bible? List at least three hindrances.