

## OUR FOCUS: THE ETERNAL FACE OF GOD

Hebrews 1:1-14

### Introduction:

- A. The unveiling of the spirit world to human beings
1. Was r\_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament (few saw angels or demons)
  2. Was heightened when Jesus began His m\_\_\_\_\_
  3. D\_\_\_\_\_ dramatically after Jesus rose from the dead  
From their own e\_\_\_\_\_
- B. Today, some are so fascinated with angels and demons that they fail to place their focus on Jesus.
1. Hebrews 1 shows that Jesus is s\_\_\_\_\_ to angels
  2. Hebrews 1 shows that Jesus is the eternal f\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  3. Hebrews 1 should inspire us to keep our focus on Jesus.

### Jesus, the Son, is the face of God in the New Testament

- A. How He is superior to angels

Jesus

Angels

He is K\_\_\_\_\_ (vv 5,8)

They are His s\_\_\_\_\_ (v 7)

He is to be w\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6,8)

They must worship J\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6)

He is the C\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10)

They are c\_\_\_\_\_ beings

He is our S\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)

They are our s\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14)

- B. Our focus

1. Col 2:18 warns us not to w\_\_\_\_\_ angels
2. Good angels r\_\_\_\_\_ worship (Rev 19:10; 22:8,9)
3. Jesus a\_\_\_\_\_ worship (Matt 28:9; Jn 9:38)
4. Always focus on the face of God, Jesus.

### Jesus, the Word, is the face of God in the Old Testament

- A. The angel of the Lord was the face of God

1. Gen 6:7-13 – the angel of the Lord came to Hagar and spoke to her. But verse 13 calls the angel, the L\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Gen 22:11,12 – the angel of the Lord called out to Abraham and stopped him from s\_\_\_\_\_ Isaac and said, *Now I know that you fear God since you have not withheld your only son from ME.*
3. Ex 3 – the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in the b\_\_\_\_\_ bush and identified Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

4. Judges 2:1-4 – the angel of the Lord identifies himself:
  - a. As the one who brought the people of Israel out of the land of E\_\_\_\_\_ (Ex 14:19 states that the angel of God led them in the p\_\_\_\_\_ of a cloud).
  - b. As the C\_\_\_\_\_ maker
5. Genesis 32:24-32 – Jacob’s wrestling match
  - a. The story begins from Jacob’s perspective – he wrestled with a m\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The story unveils the identity of the one Jacob wrestled
    - 1) He is told that He wrestled with G\_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Jacob’s name is changed to Israel, which means one who w\_\_\_\_\_ with God.
  - c. Jacob thought he was going to d\_\_\_\_\_ since he had seen God face to face.
  - d. Hosea 12:4,5 identifies the one Jacob wrestled with as
    - 1) The a\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord
    - 2) His name is the L\_\_\_\_\_
- B. The people of God believed that the angel of the Lord was God Himself and if anyone saw this angel, they were seeing the f\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  1. H\_\_\_\_\_ declared this in Gen 16:13
  2. J\_\_\_\_\_ declared this in Gen 32:30
  3. G\_\_\_\_\_ declared this in Judges 6:22,23
  4. M\_\_\_\_\_ declared this in Judges 13:21,22
- C. How do we know that this angel of the Lord was Jesus?
  1. The angel of the Lord is a\_\_\_\_\_ once Jesus becomes human. Many times **an** angel of the Lord appeared.
    - a. Matt 1:24 – it is translated as the angel of the Lord because it is r\_\_\_\_\_ back to verse 20 which states **an** angel of the Lord appeared.
    - b. The KJV wrongly translates as THE angel of the Lord in Matt 1:20; 2:13; 28:2; Lk 2:9; Acts 5:19; 8:26; 12:7,23. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ in the Greek text, and so, every other version translates as **an angel of the Lord**.
  2. John calls the pre-human Jesus, the W\_\_\_\_\_ because He spoke in the Old Testament.
  3. The angel of the LORD is called G\_\_\_\_\_, but is not God the Father (Ex 23:20,21) nor the Holy Spirit. Who else would He be?

**Conclusion** – focus on Jesus, the eternal face of God