Introduction
Several years ago there was a renewed interest in angels that continues to this day.
We need to check everything we see and hear by the Scriptures.

I. What does the Bible tell us about angels?

Angels are awesome creatures.
- They are mentioned over 100 times in the OT and 160 times in the NT.
- They are too numerous to count. Rev. 5:11
- In most cases, they are invisible to us, but in some cases God has allowed them to be seen. Numbers 22:31, II Kings 6:17 and Acts 12:7.
- When visible, they most often appear as men. Heb. 13:2 At other times, they have shown with glorious light. Luke 2:9

Angels have four primary functions.
- Angels worship God continually. Is. 6:3 and Rev. 4:8
- Angels are God’s messengers.
- Angels minister to believers. Heb. 1:14
- Angels are God’s agents of judgment and wrath. Is. 37:36, Mt 13:37-43

Angels are awesome beings, but they aren’t even close to the greatness of Jesus Christ.

So why does the writer of Hebrews talk about angels here?
- Because some believed that angels were greater than Jesus.

The temptation that Hebrews addresses is the temptation to make Jesus less than he is.

People still do that.

The book of Hebrews will counter every argument and show that Jesus is Lord.

II. Christ is superior to the angels.

The word superior is often translated as better. That is Jesus is better than the angels, better than Moses, better than the Law and the Covenants, and better than the Temple.
Christ has a superior name. Verse 5

- It is the name Son that is stressed in this passage.
- He is the eternal Son of God without beginning or end.
- When the Scripture says, “Today I have become your Father” it is because the eternal Son of God experienced unique dimensions in his Sonship when he became a man.
- “In Biblical times, the birthday of a king is the day he ascends to the throne.” William Lane
- He is the unique Son of God and no one else can make that claim.

Christ has a superior nature. Verses 6-12

- Jesus is fully man and fully God. And all the angels worship him. Rev. 5:12-14
- Angels are creatures who get their form and rank and assignments from God.
- The writer quotes from the Psalms and these verses identify the Son as God. They speak of his power, his throne, his righteousness and his unchanging nature.
- He is the unchanging eternal Son of God.

Christ has a superior rank. Verses 13-14

- He is the Divine King.
- He has been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Matt. 28:18
- The Son sits at the Father’s right hand. The angels stand in his presence.
- It is Christ who rules and angels who serve.

The angels serve God and his children.

The stories of their intervention are incredible.

Conclusion

We are never wholly defenseless in a hostile world.

God cares for you and me and nothing can happen to us that is outside of his sovereign will.

Angels are awesome beings, but there is no comparison with the Son. He is Lord and God and all creation will bow before him.