

Hebrews 1:9-14

Hebrews 1:9 (NOTES)

- "LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS" - The definition of goodness. Only God is good, and Jesus is God. Angels are not good - some sinned and fell with Satan. Jesus is superior to angels because of His perfect purity and goodness. Luke 18:19, Isaiah 14:7-19
- "ANOINTED THEE WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS" - Anointed (Heb. messiah) with oil is an idiom for the Holy Spirit. Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit at His baptism at age 30, then, just after His tempting by Satan in the wilderness, declared His anointing in a Nazareth synagogue, quoting from Isaiah. He was baptized, then anointed, then tested, then announced His public ministry - in that order. (There is a similar progression at the end of His life when He cleansed the temple, ending Judaism, was God's Temple, then raised it after His crucifixion, and destroyed the physical temple in 70 AD.) Luke 3:22, Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4:16-22
- "ABOVE THY COMPANIONS" - Jesus is not a follower of anyone, He is the Head of the Church - His companions. The friends of Jesus are those whom He saves. Those whom He saves make up the Church - ecclesia.

Hebrews 1:10 (NOTES)

- This is an OT quotation. Psalm 102:25-27
- This and the following two verses refer to the acts of Christ preincarnate. Jesus pre-existed the creation event and performed each aspect of its development.
- Job was a healthy, prosperous, and blessed man. He had everything. A large and successful agricultural business, many properties, children and grandchildren, his health, and the respect of his peers and the community. But, God allowed Satan to sift Job's character in order to destroy his pride. Job, in the prime of his life, lost everything: his health (covered in ugly, painful boils), his family (all but his nagging wife), his vast and valuable livestock, and his properties. Job listened to and argued with his friends, then turned to complain to God. When Job had finished complaining to the God about his many plights, God, in the second person of the trinity, the pre-incarnate Christ, responded to him. The second person of the trinity spoke to Job personally from a whirlwind about Job's accusations and about the actions He, the Lord, had undertaken in creating the universe. These two chapters represent a long list of the actions Jesus personally performed in the creation. Job 40:1, 38:1-39:30

Hebrews 1:11 (NOTES)

- "THEY WILL PERISH, BUT THOU REMAINEST" - This is a reference to what aspect of Christ's deity? **ETERNALITY**. Jesus existed before He created the universe. He will exist after it is destroyed and replaced with a new heaven and a new earth. He exists eternally. 2 Peter 3:10, Revelation 21:1

- "THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD AS A GARMENT" - Everything God created, other than angels, suffers from the *second law of thermodynamics*. That is, that every physical thing is bound to decay - to go from order to chaos, to break down, run down, and wear out. This is known as entropy. Entropy is a law of physics. Entropy (the decay and decline of the physical universe) began at the fall of man in the garden, when God cursed the creation because it had been corrupted by Adam and Eve's sin. Romans 8:19-23, Matthew 6:19-20

Hebrews 1:12 (NOTES)

- "AS A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED" - Just as we change clothes when they become dirty, old, and worn out, the creation will also be changed out/exchanged, the physical for the spiritual. 1 Corinthians 15:35-44
- "BUT THOU ART THE SAME, AND THY YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END" What two attributes of deity are mentioned here? **IMMUTABILITY** and eternity. Malachi 3:6, James 1:17, Hebrews 13:8

Hebrews 1:13 (NOTES)

- No one but God Himself, or one who is indwelt with His Spirit can sit at the right hand of God, share His table, or co-inherit His throne. Matthew 20:20-23, Revelation 19:7-9, 2 Timothy 2:12
- "UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET" - God will place Satan, his demons, and every person who rejected Jesus under His feet - that is, in subjection to Him. Jesus is subordinate to the Father, but as Son only, not as God. 1 Corinthians 15:24-28

Hebrews 1:14 (NOTES)

- "Are they not all ministering spirits" - Angels, that is. They are the deacons of heaven. They are the army (host) of heaven. They are the servants of the Most High. However, they do not sit at the right hand of power in heaven. That position is reserved for the Son of God.
- "sent out to render service" - *Angelos* (Gr.) = messenger. They are "sent out" as messengers. They run errands, perform tasks, make announcements, etc. However, they do not reign as kings, and even if they did, Jesus would be their King, for He is the King of Kings. Revelation 19:16
- "for the sake of those who will inherit salvation" - OT saints and the Church. Galatians 3:6-8