

DAY 3 FRIDAY

HEBREWS 1:4-14 TOUCHED BY THE SON

⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. ⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father”?”

Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”?

⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

⁷ In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire.”

⁸ But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

¹⁰ He also says, “In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, 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 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”

¹³ To which of the angels did God ever say, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

¹⁴ Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

In 1994 a new series started on television entitled, “Touched by an Angel.” According to the producers the plot of the series was that *Monica, Tess, and Andrew... [are] a trio of angels sent to earth to tell depressed and troubled people that God loves them and God hasn't forgotten them.* During each episode, well into 2003, the angels did their work bringing people through crisis after crisis with a mixture of down-home wisdom and pop psychology. They were entertaining, if not very majestic depictions of angels, and even though the word *angel* means messenger, these beings were remarkably autonomous (and human).

How different is the biblical account of the Incarnation of the Son of God! Even the most majestic angel cannot claim to have been called THE Son, or been given the throne of heaven, or to have been the creative power of the cosmos, or to be eternal, or to occupy the place of sovereign absolute power. Only the Second Person of the Trinity, who was incarnate as Jesus Christ, can claim all those attributes. And through the Incarnation, the Son came to earth, and as a human being touched the lives of all human beings in a way that no other being could. A life touched by an angel might be a life made better for the moment, but a life touched by God is a transformed life...eternally. Why settle for a singing telegram when you can experience the words of your Lover whispered in your ear?

Lord God, do not let me settle for any substitute for the blessing of recognizing you in my life. Help me to affirm that knowledge through obedience to your will in all things. Drive far from me those things that I have brought into my life that keep you at a distance. Empower me to live a life that is transformed by your touch. Amen.