

A. (:4-5) JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

1. Became = Verified/proved That He Deserved What Was Already His
 - a. e.g, Jan. 21 President becomes who he already is
2. The Name He Has Inherited = My Son (:5)
3. What's In A Name? - In That Culture A Person's Name Meant More Than Than It Does Now
 - a. We name our children a couple of ways:
 - 1) family names
 - 2) what sounds good (Baby name book)
 - b. More than a label, "name" = accusation
 - 1) Jacob = dirty sneaky thief / Simon = Peter/rock
 (Jesus, the man, lived up to His eternal name - The Son)
4. (:5) Today I Have Become Your Father (Begotten You) (Psalm 2:7, 1 Sam 7:14)
 - a. cf: Jn 3:16 only-begotten = one & only / unique / one of a kin

B. (:6) JESUS IS THE FIRSTBORN (DT. 32:43 LXX)

1. Where Begotten Speaks Of One & Only, Firstborn Refers To Position / Status Among Others
 - a. Not only is Jesus the begotten begotten, but as firstborn He has superior privileges
2. Angels (cCreated Beings) Worship Him
 - a. Writer asks; "Why do you give special honor (even worship!) to the creation & not to the creator?"
3. Sometimes People Get Caught In What Seems To Be Spiritual Vertigo
 - a. Vertigo = where a pilot's senses disagree w/gauges - up, down, center.
 - b. When we keep Jesus at the center of our lives, we are assured of an access to God that angels cannot provide 'cuz He is the creator (:2 through whom He made universe) & angels are His creation.

C. (:7-13) JESUS IS UNCHANGING (PS. 45)C. (:7-13) JESUS IS UNCHANGING (PS. 45)

1. (:12b) Jesus Never Changes; We Should Lock Onto That
 - a. There may be times when you might think Jesus doesn't love you anymore
 - b. But Jesus never changes; He never stops caring, forgiving, loving
 - 1) 1 Cor 13 love never fails / quits / gives up on you
 - c. Jesus is the changeless, eternal creator & the point of this whole letter is to say to us; "Never back off from making Him the center of your life".)

D. WHAT, THEN, IS THE ROLE OF ANGELS? (:14)

1. Revealing - Birth Of Jesus (Lk 1:26-38)
2. Guiding - Told Joseph To Marry Mary (Mt 1:20)
3. Providing - Food For Elijah (1 Kings 19:5-7)
4. Protecting - Shut The Lion's Mouth (Dan 6:20-23)
5. Delivering - Apostles Released From Prison (Acts 5:17-20)

6. Strengthening & Encouraging - Jesus Following Desert Temptation (Mt 4:11)

7. Agents In Answering Prayer - Freed Peter From Prison (Acts 12:1-17)

E. WHAT IS A BELIEVER'S RELATIONSHIP W/ANGELS

1. Someday We Will Judge (rate/score) Angels (1 Cor 6:3) - Fallen/Not Fallen?

2. They Minister To Us (Heb 1:14)

3. We Are Privy To Things That Remain A Mystery To Angels (1st Peter 1:10-12)

(Angels are real & they play an important part in God's kingdom, but as special as they may be, they cannot provide us w/access to the Father; only Jesus can do that.)