

Review: Angel = messenger. Angelic thinking is finite and abstract. Eg. specialized skills.

- 1) Inheriting a better name. Acquiring character versus learning profession (v.4).
- 2) Relationship with God the Father. Universal understanding versus limited specialization (v.5).
- 3) Let angels worship Incarnation. Submitting specializations to Incarnation (v.6).
- 4) Righteousness versus continuation. What God is doing vs. how things are done (v.7).
- 5) Loving God's ways. Repulsed by rebellion. Motivation versus rules (v.9).

These five points lay the foundation for the rest of the chapter.
Resting on the internal makes it possible to change the external.

v.10 God laid the foundations for the earth (not cosmos). Beyond surface appearance of society.
NT does not say God created the earth; says God created cosmos.

The heavens are the work of your hands. Heaven is not magic but expresses God's character.

v.11 Heaven and earth will be utterly destroyed; God continues on completely.
NT does not say cosmos will be destroyed. New heaven and earth.

Old and obsolete like a garment; rolled up like a mantle, Rev. 6:14; heaven parted like scroll rolled up

Wearing reality versus embodiment. Sudden destruction versus being rolled up.

v.12 Changed like a garment; You remain the same.

Summarize chapter:

- 1) v.1-9: Pursue incarnational thinking.
- 2) v.10-12 Incarnation is more solid than physical reality.
- 3) v.13-14 Incarnation overcomes opposition.

In contrast, specializations need to be promoted and defended.

Judgment versus Tolerance versus Patience

Rest at right hand of Father; God brings victory.

How? Look at 5 points:

- 1) Character meets *personal* needs vs. impersonal objective professionalism.
- 2) Universal understanding applies to *many* areas. Explaining facts vs. imposing truth.
- 3) Incarnation brings unity to specialized *fragmentation* vs. squeezing into limited box.
- 4) Righteousness *cooperates* with the structure of God's creation vs. fighting creation.
- 5) *Loving* God's ways vs. following God in self-denial.

v.14 View specialized skills as servants of those who will inherit salvation. Not evil but a tool.

Analogy of School: 'Ark of covenant' and 'Ark of Noah' is same Greek word.

2x in Hebrews, 6x in NT. ½ Ark of covenant, ½ Ark of Noah.

Ark of covenant = God's view of building atonement. Ark of Noah = man's view of taking classes.

Leaving Sinai, crossing Jordan, fall of Jericho: Ark of covenant treated as journey.

Heb. 11:7 Noah's Ark treated as atonement.