Heb 1:5 "This day have I begotten thee."

- "Begotten" is not a reference to the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.
- "Begotten," in the bible, means "to give place to."
 - **Hebrews 5:4-5**. When a position of honor or authority is given to somebody, that is a begetting.
 - Psalm 2:1-7. When God sets Jesus as King upon Zion, He will declare "Thou art my Son; <u>this</u> <u>day</u> have I begotten thee." The begetting refers to the day God gives the place of honor to His Son. (Not to His birth)
 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son!
 - John 1:12, Jesus isn't the only son of God. John 3:16, Jesus is the only son of God who has been given an honored position.
 - Acts 13:32-34, the begetting here (vs 33) refers to God raising up His Son and giving Him an exalted place.

"⁵ For unto which of the angels said he at any time..."

- God never told an angel "Thou art my Son."
- God never told an angel "This day have I begotten thee" (given thee an exalted place of honor).

"I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son."

• This statement cannot apply to an angel.

Heb 1:6 "⁶ And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world..."

• Jesus, the Son of God, was "the firstbegotten" before He was brought into the world.

"he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him."

- Angels worship Jesus Christ.
- Jesus never rebuked anyone for worshipping Him.
- Righteous men and angels refused worship (Rev. 19:10, 22:9, Acts 10:26, 14:14-15)

Heb 1:7 God made His angels to minister.

Heb 1:8 "⁸ But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever..." (See Psalm 45:6-7)

- This is a strong verse proving the deity of Jesus Christ. God calls His Son "God."
- The Son of God wields "a sceptre of righteousness." No other king did.

Heb 1:9 "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity..."

- Jesus is the only one who always loves righteousness and always hates iniquity.
- Men rarely love righteousness at all times. There is a part of us that doesn't love righteousness.
- Men rarely hate iniquity at all times. There is something in us that wants to compromise.
 - We need both: there has to be a balance.
 - This verse only fits Jesus Christ.

"therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

• This statement isn't proof that Jesus isn't God. It emphasizes Jesus Christ in His humanity. (See also Mat 27:43, 46, Jn 20:17).

- Isaiah 61:1-2
- Luke 4:16-21 Jesus quotes the Old Testament reference, stating that He Himself is the anointed one (vs 18). He leaves out the part about the vengeance of our God (vs 19), which would be fulfilled at a future time.
- Acts 4:27
- Acts 10:38