

Give Earnest Heed to the Truth of God

Sermon 4 in the Hebrews Series

Hebrews 1:7-2:4

In chapter 1 the author quotes 7 passages from the OT. His point is to prove from the OT that Christ is Superior to the Angels of Heaven.

1. v. 5a – Psalm 2:7
2. v. 5b – 2 Samuel 7:14
3. v. 6 – Deuteronomy 32:43 LXX
4. v. 7 – Psalm 104:4
5. v. 8 & 9 – Psalm 45:6, 7
6. v. 10-12 – Psalm 102:25-27
7. v. 13 – Psalm 110:1

Chapter 1 emphasizes the deity of Christ – in which it is evident he is superior or so much better than the angels.

Chapter 2 emphasizes the humanity of Christ in the incarnation – where he appears to be lower than the angels for a time.

I. (4) The Positive Role of Angels 7

From **Psalm 104:4**

The angels are as Owen says, *“He makes them speedy, spiritual, agile, powerful, quickly and effectually accomplishing the work appointed them.”*

II. (5) The Son Distinguished from Angels 8-9

From **Psalm 45:6,7.**

The entire Psalm is Messianic.

The Jews were perplexed by “O, God” addressed to the king.

Christ used this mystery to confound the teachers of his day.

Matthew 22:41-46

Christ is quoting from Psalm 110:1 – and the Hebrew writer also quotes from this Psalm in Hebrews 1:13.

III. (6) Further Proof Messiah is God 10-12

From **Psalm 102:25-27.**

“AND” v. 10– ties this verse into the previous “But to the Son” v. 8

IV. (7) The Son contrasted with Angels Heb. 1:13-14

From **Psalm 110:1**

They do not inherit the throne.

They do not reign.

They have not been prophesied to come into the world and subdue all things to themselves.

This is reserved for CHRIST ALONE.

V. Take Heed 2:1-4 READ

These 4 verses are a parenthesis – or better yet, an application.

The writer picks up his subject again in v. 5.

1. The Warning Itself v. 1

“Therefore” ties this section in with what has already been said.

In light of the fact that Christ is superior to angels.

In light of the fact that we live “in the last days”.

In light of the fact that we have the full and final revelation.

“To heed is to apply the mind to a particular subject, to attend to it, to consider it... It is by being believed that it (the gospel) becomes efficacious. It cannot be believed unless it is understood: it cannot be understood unless it is attended to. Truth must be kept before the mind in order to its producing its appropriate effect; and how can it be kept before the mind, but by our giving heed to it?” John Brown

2. The Argument from the Lesser to the Greater v. 2-3a

how shall we escape – if we neglect?

If they were responsible, how much more are we responsible?

We have the revelation of Christ Himself.

We can see clearly what they saw in shadows.

3. The Sure Testimony of the Gospel v. 3b-4

4. Final Applications

- 1) True Christians can and do “drift”.
- 2) True Christians can never absolutely “drift away”.
- 3) We need to guard against “Drifting away.”