

Hebrews 1:4 - 2:18 Greater Than Angels, part 1

Introduction

It's dangerous to put your faith in something that was designed to serve you. We do it all the time. Car breaks down, late for work or school. People, like in government. Money runs out. In fact, if we aren't careful, we end up serving these things. We serve the things in which we put our faith. We slowly drift pass the simple truth that these things are to serve us, not us them.

Ingression

The same is significantly more true when it comes to God, what He has said to us, and the ways in which He has communicated it to us.

Inspiration

We are in a study of the letter to the Hebrews and we are looking at the supremacy of Christ. Jesus is greater than anything that came before Him. Not because what came before was a failure on God's part, but because Jesus was the fulfillment of all that came before Him. That was the point of the first three verses that we looked at last week.

Ingression

This week we are going to get an overview of the writer's first argument concerning what Jesus is greater than, as well as the first warning about what to look out for as well as what to do about it. Come back later to dig into the text.

1:4-14 Greater because of His name [2]

1:4 Jesus is as much greater than (more prominent than) the angels as His name, which He inherited, is superior to that of the angels.

- Not the name or the word "Jesus," but His title, character, reputation. In the name of...
- Taking the Lord's name in vain isn't about swearing, it's about representation.
- [How do you inherit something? Someone else, to whom it belongs, leaves it to you.](#)

1:5-14 The writer makes the case from scripture. Reincorporate 1:1-3.

- 1:5-13 The case.
- 1:14 The reality of the nature of who we're talking about. Art, angels, and Jesus.

2:1-5 The first warning: drifting [3]

2:1 **Because of this** (of what? Jesus is the Son acting on behalf of the Father and is therefore superior to the angels who have spoken on behalf of God in the past but are actually care-takers to those of us who will inherit salvation, and how does one inherit again?), **it is all the more necessary** (as much more necessary as Jesus is greater than the angels) **to pay attention to what we have heard, because it we don't we will float right by it and drift away from it without noticing until it's too late. What is it we have heard? Come back to that.**

2:2-3 Verse 2 is setup to question asked in first half of verse 3.

- - 2:2 If, and it was
 - resulting in justice
 - 2:3 (PC) How are we going to escape from someone with so much more authority and power if we aren't concerned with and don't care about (neglect) the salvation Jesus provides (again in

contrast with the salvation angels provided)?

- Where did we hear this from? Remember 1:1-3? The Son Himself, followed by those who heard Him first-hand.

2:4-5 (One big PC)

- 2:4
 - God Himself testifying together with and at the same time as the Son
 - by means of signs, wonders, miracles, and divvying out the HS (not gifts in the Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12-14 sense) as He saw fit (more like Acts 2 followed by Acts 8, 10 and elsewhere)
- 2:5
 - Not in subjection to angels
 - **the world to come** - This is what God was testifying about, which is connected to the salvation spoken of by the Son and apostles. What world to come? Millennium or eternity? Either way angels not to rule over.
 - about which we are speaking

Pay attention to what Jesus said because of who He was, who else was speaking on His behalf, and the superiority of His position and the salvation He provides. It's just too easy to drift away. *Driving while tired (Planes, Trains, and Autos). Me spinning out in truck.*

2:6-18 The case for the incarnation [4]

2:6-9 The Biblical case. No angel could do this.

2:10-18 Jesus became one of us to save all of us, as many as would believe. Again, no angel could do this.

Imploration

What is this salvation and the world to come about which Jesus, His disciples, His Father, the Holy Spirit, and the angels themselves all spoke?

- Gospel. John 3:16-17, 14:6
- Inheritance how? Galatians 2:20, 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- Have you drifted away from this? It's not too late to pay attention and to stop neglecting that for which Jesus was born, died, and rose again, for you.