



DR. JOE K. TAYLOR, SENIOR PASTOR, SOUTH RENO BAPTIST CHURCH, RENO, NV • JUNE 2, 2024

ALL SCRIPTURES ARE PRINTED VERBATIM WITH TRANSLATIONS NOTED • CHAIR BIBLE PAGE # 170 (NT SECTION)

## A. Review

### Hebrews 1:4-14 • “Jesus and His Angels”

1. Jesus is superior to all the angels—good and bad.
2. Jesus is superior to angels in three important ways:
  - Rank**—Jesus is the “Son of God.”
  - Reign**—Jesus’ reign is “forever.”
  - Reward**—Jesus sits at the right hand of God.
3. Angels worship and serve God and believers; their number is unknown, they have incredible power, they watch over believers, minister to believers when they die and will fight God’s final battle.

#### Foundational Truths from Hebrews

1. **God still speaks**—through Jesus and His Word. (1:1-3)
2. **God is superior to the angels.** (1:4-14)

## B. Study Section

Holy Scriptures are printed in the bold face font while Pastor Joe’s Commentary is printed in the brackets.

**Hebrews 2:1–4, NLT - <sup>1</sup> So** [seeing that God still speaks through Jesus and that He is superior to the angels] **we must** [*imperfect tense* points to something *necessary* because it is *inevitable*] **listen very carefully** [hearing and acting on the Word leads to transformation] **to**

**the truth we have heard** [lit., *The truth we have heard from God which is permanent*: GK: ἀκουσθηέντων, “akuoos-THEE-is-in” akuo “to hear;” *THEE-is* means “from God,” *sin* means “forever,” meaning *the whole Gospel story from Genesis to Revelation*], **or we may drift** [slow, imperceptible shifts in focus that leads to a creeping] **away from it** [The Gospel]. <sup>2</sup> **For the message God delivered through angels** [a Heb. colloquialism that points to the angles giving the Ten Commandment to Moses, cf., Acts 7:53] **has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished** [“Obedience bring freedom and disobedience brings consequences” is an OT principle]. <sup>3</sup> **So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore** [ie., make light of] **this great salvation** [ie., vast, mighty, needed, invaluable *salvation*] **that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak** [apostles and disciples]? <sup>4</sup> **And God** [also] **confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever He chose.**

### 1. Simple outline about the “Warning from Christ.”

- A. **The Command** (2:1–2)
  1. Don’t drift from God’s message of truth (2:1).
  2. Don’t disobey God’s message of truth (2:2).
- B. **The Communicators** (2:3): This salvation was preached by OT Prophets, Jesus and His NT apostles and even God Himself.
- C. **The Confirmation** (2:4): The gospel message was confirmed by signs and wonders and the receiving of the Holy Spirit.

### 2. Hebrews doesn’t speak of *rejecting* but *neglecting* the Gospel.

### 3. “Salvation” should not be seen as simply *receiving* something but being *rescued* from something.

### 4. We can’t take God’s grace or our sin lightly.

### 5. We keep from “drifting away” by “hearing and acting” on God’s Word.

## C. Encountering Christ

### “Our Great Salvation”

#### 1. We are Saved by a Great Savior.

#### 2. We are Saved at a Great Cost.

#### 3. We are Saved from a Great Penalty.