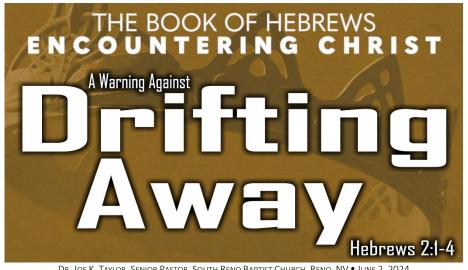
### 🏒 Pastor Joe's Sermon Listening Guide



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### <u>¥ A. Review</u>

#### 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

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**Hebrews 2:1–4, NLT** - <sup>1</sup> **So** [seeing that God still speaks through Jesus and that He is superior to the angles] **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: ἀxουσθεῖσιν, "akuos-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] <u>this great salvation</u> [ie., vast, mighty, needed, invaluable <u>salvation</u>] 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 <u>receiving</u> something but being <u>rescued</u> from something.
- 4. We can't take <u>God's grace</u> or <u>our sin</u> 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 <u>by a Great Savior</u>.
- 2. We are Saved <u>at a Great Cost</u>.
- 3. We are Saved <u>from a Great Penalty</u>.