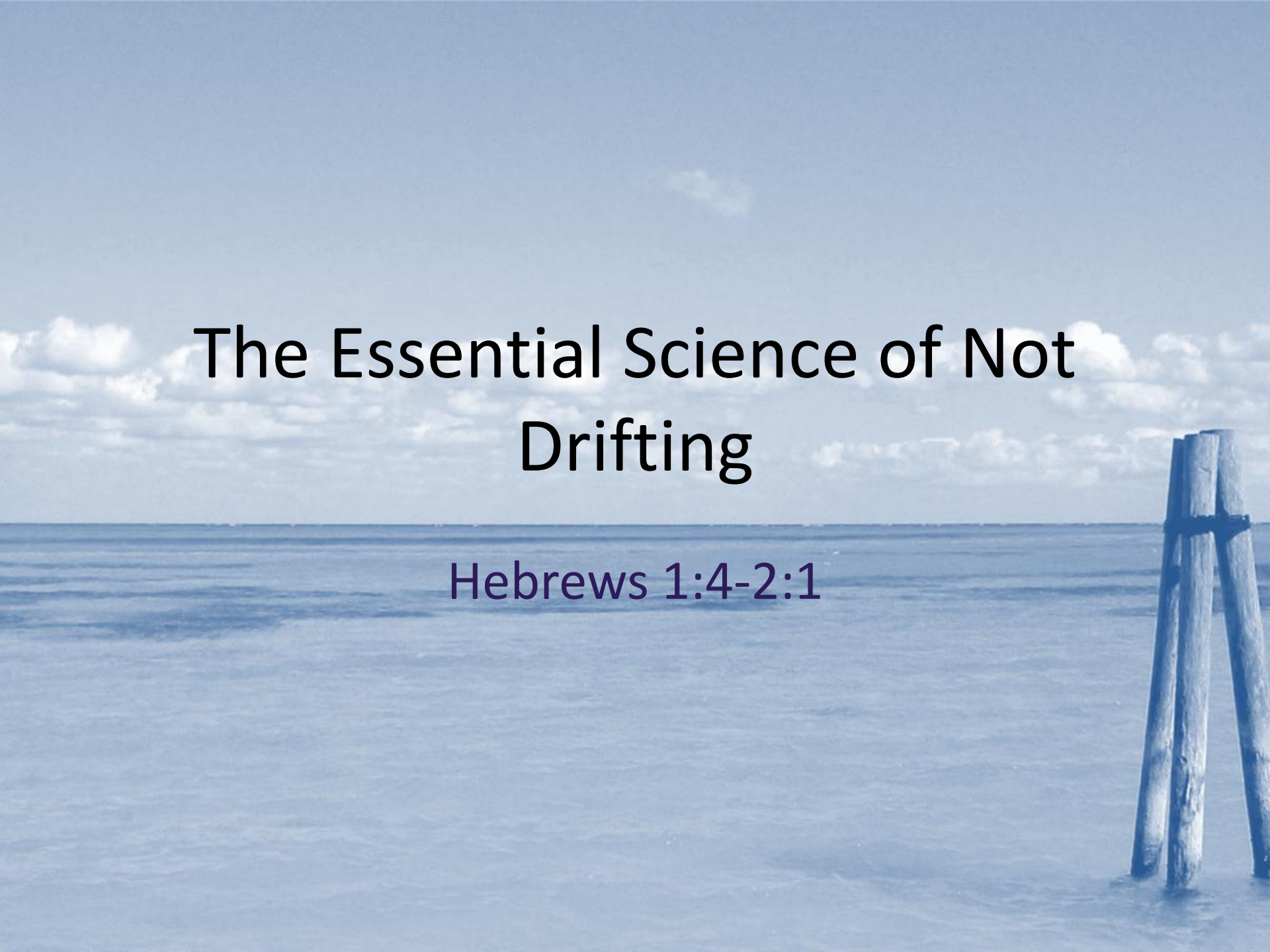




The Essential Science of Not Drifting

Hebrews 1:4-2:1

Hebrews 2:1

Therefore we must pay
much closer attention to
what we have heard, lest
we drift away from it.

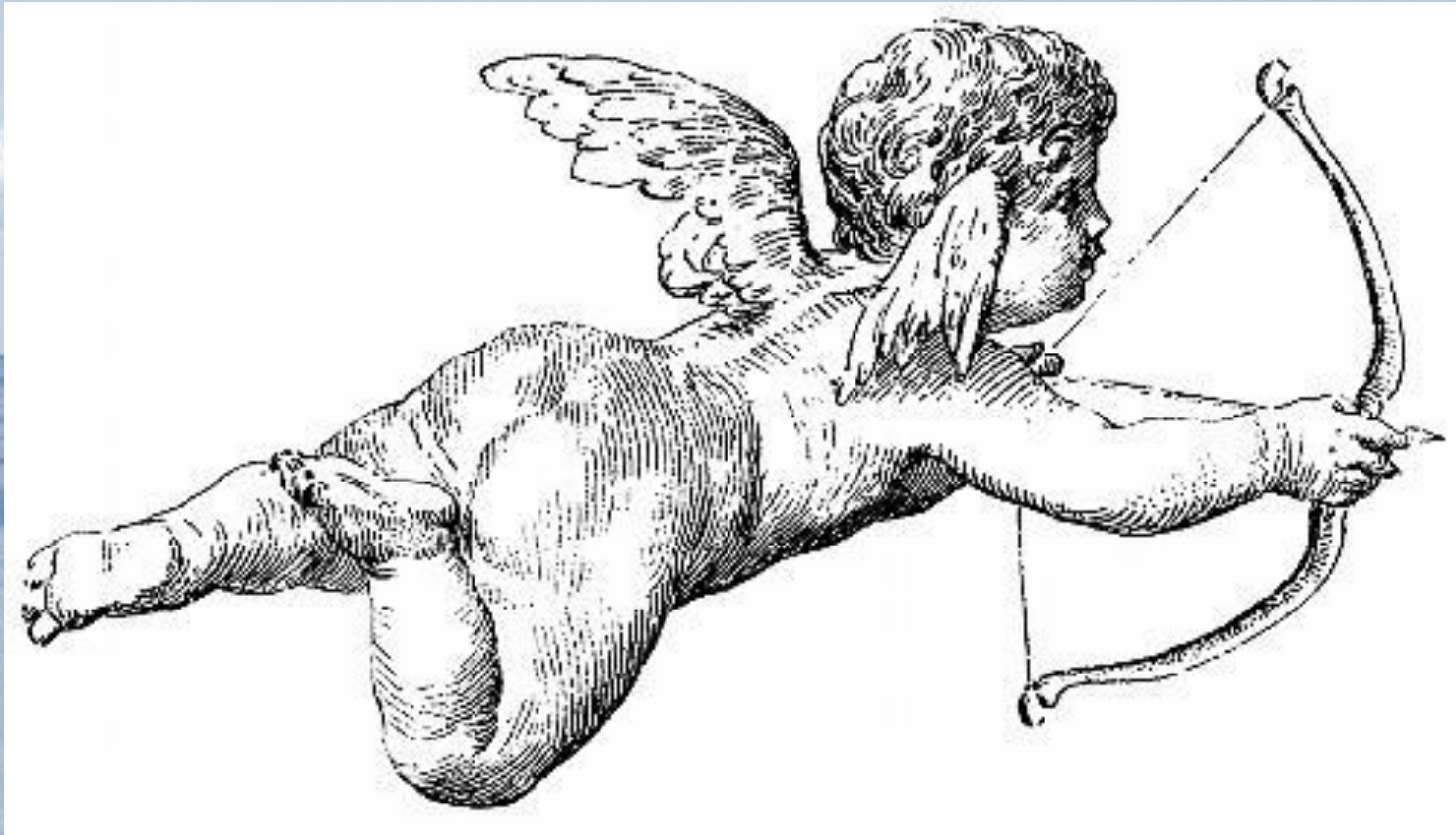
Where are you drifting?



Angel Drift???

- Heb 1: 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 13
- Heb 2:2 For since the message declared by angels ...
- Heb 2:5 Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking.
- Heb 2:7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels ...
- Heb 2:9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus ...
- Heb 2:16 For surely it is not angels that he helps ...
- Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering ...
- Heb 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Angel Drift



David's Sin

So the Lord sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men. And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, "It is enough; now stay your hand."

2 Sam 24:15-16

Angel V Assyrians

And that night the angel of the Lord went out
and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the
Assyrians. 2 Kings 19:35



Herod

On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last. Acts 12:21-23

If You Saw An Angel You Would Be Tempted to Worship It

- Col 2:18-19 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.
- I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” Re 22:8–9

It's Always About Worship



Worship Drift

God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonouring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Rom 1:24-25

Harold Best

... at this very moment, and for as long as this world endures, everybody inhabiting it is bowing down and serving something or someone – an artefact, a person, an institution, an idea, a spirit, or God through Christ. Everyone is being shaped thereby and is growing up toward some measure of fullness, whether of righteousness or of evil. No one is exempt and no one can wish to be. We are, every one of us, unceasing worshippers and will remain so forever ... surrender to the sinfulness of sin unto infinite loss or the commitment of personal righteousness unto infinite gain.

Changing Your Object of Worship

Angels

- Name: messenger
- Made by God
- Creation of God
- Commanded to worship Jesus
- Winds and flames of fire (v7)
- Serves in the presence of God

Jesus

- Name: Son (v4)
- Begotten of God – family and King (v5)
- Son of the Father (v5)
- Recipient of worship (v6)
- Eternal King (v9-10)
- Sits at right hand of the Father ... enemies footstool

Compare Objects of Worship

- Sex and sexual gratification
 - You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Ps 16:11
 - “I had motives for not wanting the world to have meaning; consequently assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption ... For myself, as no doubt, for most of my contemporaries, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation. The liberation we desired was simultaneous liberation from a certain political and economic system, and liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom.” Aldous Huxley

- Money

- As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. 1 Ti 6:17–19

- Comfort

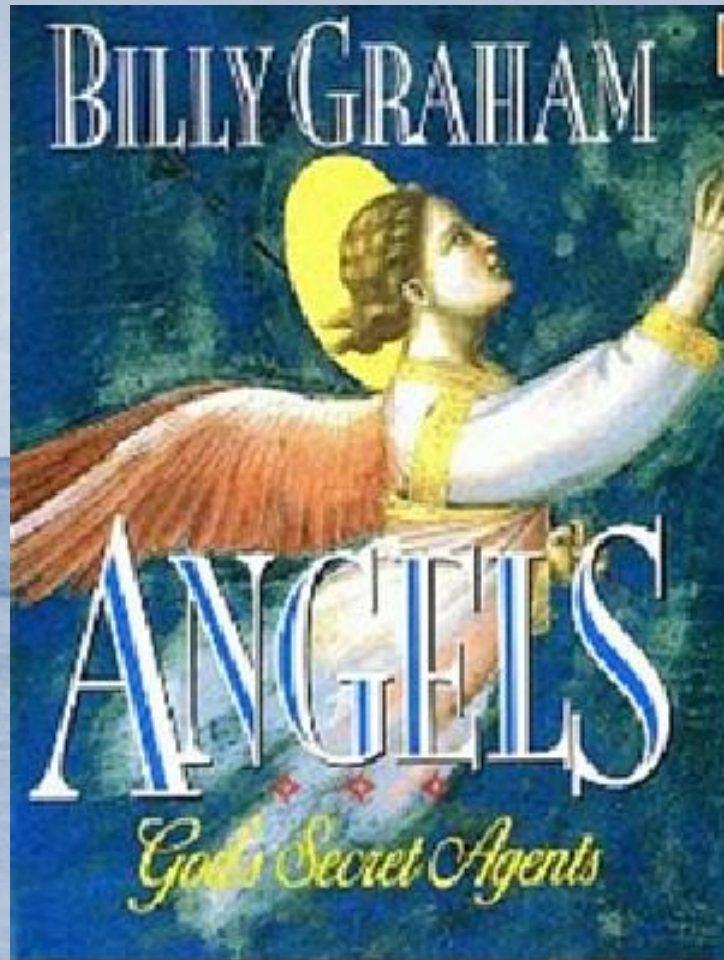
- But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” Lk 12:20–21

A Good Word On Angels

Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:14



Billy Graham on Angels



- This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Ps 34:6–7
- For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Ps 91:11

