

Greatest Messenger

Greater Than | Week 1

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Hebrews 1:1–4 (ESV)

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Seven Descriptions of The Son:

1. **Heir of all things** (Colossians 1:15)
2. **He created the world** (*aion* – “eons”)
3. **He is the radiance of God’s glory** (John 14:9).
4. **He is the exact imprint of God’s nature**
5. **He upholds the universe by the word of His power** (Mark 4:35-41).
6. **He paid for our sins** (2 Cor. 5:21).
7. **He sat down at the right hand of God** (Heb 10:12)

Angels – Messengers of The Law

Acts 7:53 (ESV)

“... you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Galatians 3:19 (ESV)

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels...

5 Reasons Jesus is Greater than Angles

1. He has the greater name (Ps. 2:7; 2 Sam 7:14)
2. He receives worship (Deut. 32:43 LXX)
3. He reigns as King & God (Ps. 45:6-7; Isa 61:3)
4. He created everything (Ps. 102:25-27)
5. He sits at God's right hand (Ps. 110:1)

Hebrews 2:1–4 (ESV)

Therefore, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

NEGLECT (*ameleo*)

- To ignore, disregard, show no concern, pay no attention to. To fail to care for properly.
- The author includes himself in this ("We").
- Same idea in Matthew 22

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"... PAY MUCH CLOSER ATTENTION TO..." (*prosechō*)

- To tie something down, to grasp firmly, to anchor your mind to this, to give heed, to devote yourself to.

James 1:22 (ESV)

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

DRIFT (*pararreō*)

- Used only 1x in New Testament
- To drift away, flow past, slip away, decline from steadfastness, slip through your fingertips

Progression in Hebrews 2:

- Pay close attention → or you'll drift.
- You drift → because you've neglected.
- Your Neglect → eventually puts you in great danger.

Indicators of DRIFT

1. Prayer becomes optional
2. Church becomes convenient instead of essential
3. Bible reading becomes scrolling
4. Worship becomes observation
5. Your identity begins to shift

Hebrews 2:14–18 (ESV)

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

