

“Hebrews #2”

Hebrews 1:4-14... 2:1-4

Review: V's 1-3 (Focus is on who Jesus is, and the gospel)

Dwight Pentecost: *“The greater our understanding of the Son – who is the brightness of Gods glory – the greater will be our distress before Him regarding our sin and uncleanness. Anyone hungry for a cleansed life will continually cultivate a greater understanding of Him and a closer relationship with Him.”*

The Gospel boils down to three questions:

- Who is Jesus?
- What has He done?
- What is the significance for us?

Book of Hebrews answers these questions!

V's 4-14

1. **V4...** The Superior Name of the Son
2. **V5-6...** The Superior Worship of the Son
3. **V7-12...** The Superior Throne of the Son
 - a. Seeing the Son as Yahweh (God)
 - b. Enjoying the eternal kingdom of the Son
4. **V13-14...** The Superior Reign of the Son
 - a. Worshiping the Son as King
 - b. Knowing the angels as His servants
5. **Chapter 2:1-4...** Our response and obligation to this revelation of the Son.
 - a. We must give the most earnest heed.
 - b. We must Pay the most careful attention. **(NIV and others)**

With that being said, why do you think the author spends so much time arguing for the superiority of Jesus Christ in relationship to the angels?

- **Writing to Jews that were a part of Second Temple Judaism.**
- **Also Known as the silent years. Between Malachi and Matt. (400 Yrs.)**
- **According to Second Temple Literature... there was an intense focus on angels.**
- **This is where the doctrine or notion of “personal angles” or what we might call “guardian angles” came from.**
- **Even today there is a fascination with angles.**
- **Though Powerful they are not divine... as we will see.**

V4 (Read)

Philippians 2:5-11...

Romans 1:1-6...

V5-6 (Read)

- V5a - Direct quote from Psalms 2:7...

*“I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, **You are my Son today I have begotten You**”*

- V5b – Direct quote from 2 Samuel 7:12-14a

*“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish His kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever. **I will be His Father, and He shall be My Son...**”*

- V6 – Quote from Deut. 32:43

“Rejoice, O Gentiles with His people; (And let all the angles worship Him) for He will avenge the blood of His servants and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people.”

- Also consider – Quote from Psalms 97:6-7

“The heavens declare His righteousness and the people see his glory. Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, who boast of idols. Worship Him all you gods.” (angles)

V 7 (Read)

- V7 – Quote from Psalms 104:4

“Who makes His angles spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.”

Read 104:1-9 (Read, meditate on tonight)

V's 8-9 (Read)

- V's 8 – 9 – Quote from Psalms 45:6-7

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions.”

V's 10-12 (Read)

- V's 10 -12 – Quote from Psalms 102: 25-27

“Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; yes, they will grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed. Bur You are the same, and Your years will have no end.”

V 13 (Read)

- V 13 – Quote from Psalms 110:1

“The Lord said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”
V2... *“The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies.”*

V 14 (Read)... Angles they are ministering spirits, to serve us who are saved...

Conclusion: Chapter 2: 1 – 4 (NIV)

“We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For since the message spoken through angles was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard Him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.”