

TEXT: Hebrews 1:5-2:4

TITLE: No Greater Messenger – Part 2.

HOMILETICAL IDEA – We must listen carefully to the message of Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION

I. Angels were highly regarded in Jewish thought.

Background, pre-law, law, apocrypha, magic and mythology, Qumran, Synagogue. These show a developing angelology which, though does not permit angel worship, does hold angels in very high esteem.

II. The Son is vastly superior to angels.

- A. Christ is superior because He is the Son of God.
- B. Christ is superior because He is the Heir of all things.
- C. Christ is superior because He is God himself.
- D. Christ is superior because He is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.
- E. Christ is superior because He is the One who sits at God's right hand.

III. You must listen to the salvation message.

- A. We have to listen because of the greatness of the messenger and the corresponding greatness of the message. (2:1a, 3a)
- B. We have to listen so that we don't drift away (2:1b). The analogy is one of a ship drifting away from dock or losing its anchor.
- C. We have to listen because of the argument from lesser to greater shows that drifting away is very dangerous (v. 2-4).

CONCLUSION

Ignoring the Word? You've got a serious problem.

Desiring to stay anchored? Listen! (2:1).