

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for September 29, 2013**

**Christ is Superior to the Angels**  
**Hebrews 2:1**

The author of the Book of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the Old Testament prophets in Hebrews 1:1-4.

The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the angels in Hebrews 1:5-2:18.

The author of Hebrews explained Christ's superiority to the angels in Hebrews 1:5-14.

The author of Hebrews, quoting the Old Testament, explained that Christ alone should be considered uniquely God's Son and thus superior to all others including the angels (Hebrews 1:5).

The author of Hebrews, quoting the Old Testament, explained that because Christ was being worshipped and served by angels, He should be considered superior to all others including the angels (Hebrews 1:6-7).

The author of Hebrews, quoting the Old Testament, explained that because Christ is eternal, He should be considered superior to all others including the angels (Hebrews 1:8-12).

The author of Hebrews, quoting the Old Testament, explained that because Christ is seated at God's right hand, He is superior to all others including the angels (Hebrews 1:13-14).

After the author had explained the superiority of Christ, he then sounded a warning (Hebrews 2:1-4).

The first part of the warning is an exhortation (Hebrews 2:1).

The phrase "for this reason" (DIA TOUTO) connects Hebrews 2:1-4 to what the author had just said about Christ's superiority to angels in Hebrews 1:5-14.

In a general sense when the author of Hebrews challenged his readers to pay much closer attention to what they had heard, he was challenging them to pay much closer attention to what God had said to them in His Son (Hebrews 1:1-2).

In a specific sense, when the author of Hebrews challenged his readers to pay much closer attention to what they had heard, he was challenging them to pay much closer attention to the message of salvation (Hebrews 2:3-4).

The word “drift away” (PARAHEO) is used in this context as a nautical term to refer to a ship that has been carelessly allowed to miss a harbor it was intended to enter because of contrary winds or currents.

May God give us the grace as He fills us with His Spirit to pay even much more attention to the message of salvation that we have heard from Christ so that we might be assured that when our life is over that we will find safe harbor.