

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for October 20, 2013

Christ is Superior to the Angels
Hebrews 2:2-3

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 second part of the warning is an attempt to get the readers not to minimize the threat of judgment, if they ignore the exhortation (Hebrews 2:2-3).

When the author referred to "the word" spoken through angels he was speaking of the Mosaic Law (Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19).

The word "unalterable" (BEBAIOS) is a technical term implying legal security.

The word "transgression" (PARABASIS) means to step across the line as a willful act.

The word “disobedience” (PARAKOE) carries the idea of deliberately shutting one’s ears to the commands, warnings, and invitations of God.

If every transgression and disobedience of the Mosaic Law spoken through angels received a just penalty, then we can even be more assured that neglecting the message of salvation spoken through Christ will as well.

The word “neglect” (AMELESANTES) speaks of apathy and not caring enough about something.

May God give us the grace to understand that if we are professing believers, we cannot neglect our great salvation and at the same time be assured that we are saved.