

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

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DRIFT (HEBREWS 2:1-4) FOR THIS REASON

In Chapter 1, we're introduced to the superiority of Christ over angels and His identity as the divine Son of God. "For this reason" we are given the application.

- The messages from angels in the OT came with such authority and power that people fell to their faces, nearly frightened to death. **How much more then should we listen to Christ?**

THE REPEATING MESSAGE

The writer says we should listen even more to what we have heard. Just because we've heard the gospel, doesn't mean we are living it.

- Christ followers will love His Word and will desire to hear it, read it, and live it. **Do we desire the Word or are we drawn to the World?**

DRIFTING AWAY

When we pay attention to the World and its message, we drift away. This isn't drifting away from salvation, it's drifting away from the messenger and the message: Christ.

- The reason that so much of the Bible is about repentance is because so many don't actually repent. **Are we willing to search our hearts and make sure we aren't drifting away?**

THE BINDING LAW

The angels were present when the Law was given and agreed with its demands. Every transgression deserved a punishment.

- The OT demanded retribution for sin. **How much more will God judge those who have rejected the gospel delivered by His own Son? Drifting means giving up on Christ and it comes with an eternal price.**

A RELIABLE WORD

The message of the gospel has come to us from God Himself, the credible ear-witnesses and eyewitnesses of Jesus, and proven by the actions of God and the gifts from the Holy Spirit (in His will).

- **It's worth listening to again. It's worth reading again. It's worth your time and attention because it is God trying to reach out to you to offer restoration.**

CROWNED (HEBREWS 2:5-9) ANGELS AGAIN

The writer shares that the world is not subject to angels. Genesis tells us that the whole earth was subjected to Adam and Eve—to humanity.

- The next few verses develop the theology of the "first Adam" to the "last Adam."

PSALM 8:4-6

David the psalmist gives us a commentary on Genesis 1-2, saying that mankind is less than God but ruler over the earth. Then he transitions to one particular man who was lower than the angels for a short time then crowned with glory and honor. Then **EVERYTHING became subjected under His feet**. Now, we're talking about Jesus.

TASTED DEATH

We see that He is crowned, not because He is God, but because He has completed the role of sacrifice by suffering and death.

- **The work of the first Adam was incomplete but the last Adam has fulfilled every aspect of the Old Testament and secured His place on the throne with glory and honor.**

FAMILY (HEBREWS 2:10-18) A SUBTLE SHIFT

While continuing to declare Jesus' superiority over the angels, the focus shifts to God the Father's role. It echoes the same power that Christ has because Christianity, at its heart, is Trinitarian. We must remember that there is no division between the Father's will to save, the Son's will to save, and the Spirit's will to save.

BRINGING MANY SONS AND DAUGHTERS...

Christ came to redeem sinners, save sinful humanity, forgive sin, and even to provide us with righteousness. But more than that, **He came to adopt us as sons and daughters to glory**.

- There is a relational and familial aspect of salvation that we need to know. **We are transformed into siblings of the Lord Jesus.**

UNITED

God created all things, as did Christ. God's plan is salvation, so is Christ's. Because they are united in plan and purpose, Jesus is not ashamed to call us his "brothers and sisters." And because we are, we are also children of God.

- **Jesus has always been invested in our salvation. His plan has always been to build his family.**

WHAT HAD TO BE DONE

Christ came to defeat the two great enemies: death and the devil. Since we fight these enemies in our lives, Jesus had to come in the flesh to defeat them for us.

- The devil must be taken seriously and that's exactly what Christ did. **Our fear of death is an instrument of Satan and Jesus' resurrection reveals His power over death.**

VICTORY

Our merciful and faithful high priest gives us hope in the face of death. This is why receiving Christ is receiving "eternal LIFE."

- This victory came at the same price we would have to pay—death. Because He suffered, was tempted, and died, **we have victory over temptation and even death.**

STAY STRONG

- We don't understand everything.
- **Have we heard the gospel so much that we ignore it now?**
- **We must live to know Him more. The gospel will never get old to those who love the message. Drift is what happens when we aren't surrendered. Do we know where we're going?**

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- Jesus is still superior to all things.
- **Adam fell and humanity fell with him.**
- **Although Jesus has always been with God, He always knew He would become flesh and live as the perfect man, something Adam (we) couldn't do. Do we recognize His position as the one crowned with glory and honor?**

TOGETHER

- God desires that His family would be restored.
- **Jesus took on flesh to defeat the very things that separated us from the Father.**
- **Are we still afraid of death? Why? It may be time to be set free to believe Christ has done for us what we couldn't do!**