

Treasure Hunt

- Psalm 104 calls angels God’s “ministers.” Who else are called ministers?
- What is the difference between a minister and a servant?
- What is the common emphasis of the Psalm citations in Hebrews 1?
- What two words link 1:14 with the rest of chapter 1?
- What is unusual about how 1:14 uses these words?
- What two motives for the exhortation of 2:1-4 are subsumed in 2:1 “Therefore”?
- Tell a ship story that illustrates the imagery in 2:1 and 6:19.
- What was “the word spoken by angels” (2:2)?
- What are the three levels by which God has revealed our salvation?
- Why does the writer remind us that the third level is “according to his own will”?

Epistle to the Hebrews

1:1-10:25, The Person and Work of the Son

1:1-4, Introduction

1:5-2:18, His Person: the Son & the Angels

1:1-14, **Higher** than the Angels

2:1-4, **Warning**: Neglect

2:5-18, **Lower** than the Angels

3:1-4:13, Exhortation & **Warning**: Unbelief

4:14-10:25, His Work: the Son & the Priests

4:14-16, Opening: Hold Fast & Draw Near

5:1-7:28, **Earthly** Priesthood

5:11-6:12, **Warning**: Stagnation

8:1-10:18, **Heavenly** Priesthood

10:19-25, Closing: Draw Near & Hold Fast

10:26-13:19, The Life of the Sons

10:26-31, **Warning**: Willful Sin

10:32-12:24, The Believer's Attitude

10:32-39, Exhortation: Patience

11:1-40, Exposition: Faith

12:1-24, Exhortation: Patience

12:25-29, **Warning**: Refusing God

13:1-19, Exhortation: Life in Community

13:20-25, Epistolary Close

Structure of Hebrews



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	Person Who is he? Angels		Work What does he do? Priests
Heaven	1:1-14		8:1-10:19
Earth	2:5-18		5:1-7:28

OT Citations in 1:5-13

Verses	Introductory Verb	Citations	Summary	Rhetoric
5	said he (aorist)	Ps 2:7; 2 Sam 7:14	the Son, not the angels, is the Messianic heir	Unique feature of the Son
6	he saith (present)	Ps 97:7; Deut 32:43 (LXX)	the angels worship the Son when he comes again	Subjection of angels to the Son
7-12	he saith (present)	Ps 104:4; 45:6, 7; 102:25-27	the angels are servants; the Son is the King	
13	said he (perfect)	Ps 110:1	the Son, not the angels, is enthroned at the Father's right hand	Unique feature of the Son

Some Helpful References

Psa 104:2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: 4 **Who maketh his angels spirits [winds]; his ministers a flaming fire:**

103:20 Bless the LORD, **ye his angels**, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, **all ye his hosts**; ye **ministers** of his, that do his pleasure.

22 Bless the LORD, **all his works** in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, **O my soul.**

Psa 102:13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. ... 16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

From the Psalms to Hebrews

Verses	Citations	Location in Psalter
5	Ps 2:7 ← 2 Sm 7:14	Opening Messianic promise
6	Ps 97:7 → Dt 32:43 (LXX)	Book 4 (Mature Faith): The Lord Reigns
7-12	Ps 104:4 Ps 45:6, 7 Ps 102:25-27	Book 4 (Mature Faith): Closing Hallelujahs Book 2 (Communication): Messianic Wedding Book 4 (Mature Faith): Promise of David's Reign
13	Ps 110:1	Book 5 (Consummation): Awaiting Final Victory

Our Privilege in 1:14

Heirs (cf. 1:2, 4)

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then **heirs; heirs** of God, and **joint-heirs** with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Ministering Angels (cf. 1:7)

- Abraham at Mamre (Gen 18:2, cf. 19:1)
- Hagar (Gen 16:7-11; 21:17)
- Moses (Ex 3:2)
- Gideon (Judg 6:11-12)
- Manoah and his wife (Judg 13:3, 13)
- Elijah (1 King 19:7)
- Hezekiah (2 Ki 19:35)
- Daniel (Dan 6:22)
- Joshua the high priest (Zechariah 3)

Psa 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

References on 2:1-3

2 the word spoken by angels

Acts 7:53 Who have received the law **by the disposition of angels**, and have not kept it.

Gal 3:19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was **ordained by angels** in the hand of a mediator.

Deut 33:2 The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them [LXX on his right hand were **his angels** with him].

every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence

Deu 25:1 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

3 How shall we escape, if we **neglect** so great salvation

Mat 22:2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. 5 But they **made light** of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

Steps in God's Revelation of his Salvation

God also bearing witness, by

- Signs
- Wonders
- Divers miracles
- Gifts of the Holy Ghost

Confirmed unto us by them that heard him

At the first began to be spoken by the Lord

4 according to his own will

1Co 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? 30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? 31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Summary of first warning:

Luk 8:13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: