

Hebrews 1:4 – 2:4

1:4 – superior to	(adjective)	greater than; better than
1:4 – angels	(noun)	heavenly beings who serve as messengers of God
1:7 – spirits	(noun)	non-physical beings
1:8 – throne	(noun)	a decorative chair used by a king or queen on important official occasions
1:8 – sceptre	(noun)	a decorative rod that a king or queen carries on ceremonial occasions as a symbol of their power



1:9 – righteousness	(noun)	the state of doing what is just and right
1:9 – wickedness	(noun)	the state of doing what is unjust and evil
1:9 – companions	(noun)	people you spend lots of time with
1:9 – anointing	(verb)	pouring oil on someone's head to symbolise that they are set aside by God
1:10 – foundations	(noun)	the layer of a structure that is below the ground and supports the whole structure
1:11 – perish	(verb)	die; cease to exist
1:11 – garment	(noun)	a piece of clothing
1:12 – robe	(noun)	a loose piece of clothing that covers the whole body and reaches to the ground
1:13 – footstool	(noun)	a low stool that you can rest your feet on when you are resting in a chair
1:14 – ministering	(verb)	serving God and his people
1:14 – inherit	(verb)	receive property from someone after they die
1:14 – salvation	(noun)	the act of being saved by God from sin and its consequences
2:1 – drift away	(verb)	move slowly and gradually away from something
2:2 – binding	(adjective)	must be obeyed and followed
2:2 – violation	(noun)	disobedience; the act of breaking a law
2:2 – just	(adjective)	morally right
2:3 – confirmed	(verb)	showed something is definitely true
2:4 – testified	(verb)	gave evidence to confirm that something is true
2:4 – wonders	(noun)	amazing, unexpected events
2:4 – miracles	(noun)	events that surprising, unexpected and unable to be explained
2:4 – distributed	(verb)	delivered to a number of people
2:4 – 'according to his will'		'as he wants to'

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⁴ So he became higher than the angels. The name he received is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ God never said to any of the angels,

“You are my Son.
Today I have become your Father.”

Or,

“I will be his Father.
And he will be my Son.”

⁶ God's first and only Son is over all things. When God brings him into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

⁷ Here is something else God says about the angels.

“God makes his angels to be like spirits.
He makes those who serve him to be like flashes of lightning.”

⁸ But here is what he says about the Son.

“You are God. Your throne will last for ever and ever.
Your kingdom will be ruled by justice.

⁹ You have loved what is right and hated what is evil.
So your God has placed you above your companions.
He has filled you with joy by pouring the sacred oil on your head.”

¹⁰ He also says,

“Lord, in the beginning you made the earth secure. You placed it on its foundations.
The heavens are the work of your hands.

¹¹ They will pass away. But you remain.
They will all wear out like a piece of clothing.

¹² You will roll them up like a robe.
They will be changed as a person changes clothes.

But you remain the same.
Your years will never end.”

¹³ God never said to an angel,

“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your control.”

¹⁴ All angels are spirits who serve. God sends them to serve those who will receive salvation.

^{2:1} So we must pay the most careful attention to what we have heard. Then we will not drift away from it. ² Even the message God spoke through angels had to be obeyed. Every time people broke the Law, they were punished. Every time they didn't obey, they were punished. ³ Then how will we escape if we don't pay attention to God's great salvation? The Lord first announced this salvation. Those who heard him gave us the message about it. ⁴ God showed that this message is true by signs and wonders. He showed that it's true by different kinds of miracles. God also showed that this message is true by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. God gave them out as it pleased him.