



The Last Word

Hebrews 1:1–2:4

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1 God, having spoken long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

2 in these last days spoke to us in *His* Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds,

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3 who is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power; who, having accomplished cleansing for sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

Final Message

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God's Former Speaking (v. 1)

God's Present Speaking (v. 2)

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- Jesus is the perfect spokesman for God — Heb 1:3–4 = heir, creator, God, mediator, king; cf. vv. 5–13.
- The word of Christ (and his representatives) is the last word for mankind — v. 2; cf. John 12:48; 16:13.

Hebrews 1:5–14

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? And again, “I will be a Father to Him And He shall be a Son to Me”?

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6 And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “And let all the angels of God worship Him.”

7 And of the angels He says, “Who makes His angels winds, And His ministers flaming fire.”

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8 But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

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9 “You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness above Your companions.”

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10 And, “You, Lord, in the beginning founded the earth, And the heavens are the works of Your hands;

11 They will perish, but You remain; And they all will wear out like a garment,

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12 “And like a mantle You will roll them up; Like a garment they will also be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.”

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13 But to which of the angels has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, Until I put Your enemies As a footstool for Your feet”?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Exalted Son

- Angels were “mediators” of the Law of Moses — Heb 2:2a; cf. 10:28; Acts 7:38, 53; Gal 3:19.
- Jesus is superior to angels — Heb 1:5–14 = name (5), dignity (6), status (7–12), function (13–14).
- The quoted Royal Psalms prove the enthronement of the Son — Ps 2:7; 104:4; 45:6–7; 102:25–27; 110:1.

Hebrews 2:1–4

1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away.

2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every trespass and disobedience received a just penalty,

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3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? That salvation, first spoken by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard,

4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

Eternal Significance

- The “therefore” (Gr. *dia touto*) in Heb 2:1 signals the conclusion/application of what precedes.
- We must pay attention to the word of the Lord so that we do not drift — Heb 2:1; cf. v. 3b; Exod 23:21.
- If we neglect the message of salvation, the penalty will be just and severe — Heb 2:2–4; cf. 10:28–31.



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