

Refuel 2: Hebrews 1:4-2:18

The Hebrews community was facing intense persecution. Because of this they were constantly questioning who Christ was, sometimes demoting Him to a mere angel. In fact, some who had already dropped from believing in God's salvation through Christ had created the Qumran community. These people were messianic Jews who left society to basically create their own cult. They worshipped angels in their own brand of reformed Judaism. This is why the author starts the letter off with the superiority of Christ over angels.

In **1:4-14** the author goes through different statements from the Old Testament proving to the Jews and those who are "drifting" how even before Christ was here, He existed in a form far superior to angels. He ends with a statement about how angels are basically sent to help us.

2:1-4 talks about drifting away. The author explains that we must pay careful attention instead of being apathetic to the truth we have heard. He doesn't say be careful of the massive bombs that will come into your life and totally knock you off of your path. Instead, like the Hebrews, it is subtle to the point where at times you don't even realize that you've left what you truly are passionate about. There have been tons of times where I am working on a website, email or Facebook and see a cool picture, that leads to other cool pictures that leads to a cool website that leads to a free coupon, that leads to signing for a survey to watching a youtube video and then I look at the clock and I've just wasted about 3 hours! Subtle! The author is warning us of the dangers this could bring. Have you ever been to the beach and gotten into the water to play or float? It isn't long before you look for your towel and realize you have slowly drifted way down the beach! Drifting could also be considered being lukewarm. [Revelation 3:16](#) says "So, because you are **lukewarm**—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

2:5-18

The author begins this section with a verse in Psalms that asks, why should God even care about man? Why should you lower Jesus to the level of angels? He then goes on to explain how Jesus became like us so that He could share in our struggles, but still be perfect to die for our sins on the cross. Through this God exalted Christ to where He is the ruler and sustainer of everything.