

When we read it, is there something in scripture that God wants us to do.



Warning against Neglect

¹For this reason, we must pay attention all the more to what we have heard, so that we will not drift away. ²For if the message spoken through angels was legally binding and every transgression and disobedience received a just punishment,



³how will we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? This salvation had its beginning when it was spoken of by the Lord, and it was confirmed to us by those who heard him. ⁴At the same time, God also testified by signs and wonders, various miracles, and distributions of gifts from the Holy Spirit according to his will.



Jesus and Humanity

⁵For he has not subjected to angels the world to come that we are talking about. ⁶But someone somewhere has testified:



What is man that you remember him, or the son of man that you care for him?

7You made him lower than the angels for a short time;
you crowned him with glory and honor

⁸and subjected everything under his feet.



For in subjecting everything to him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. As it is, we do not yet see everything subjected to him. ⁹But we do see Jesus made lower than the angels for a short time so that by God's grace he might taste death for everyone crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death.



¹⁰For in bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was entirely appropriate that God—for whom and through whom all things exist—should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,



¹²saying:

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; I will sing hymns to you in the congregation.



¹³Again, I will trust in him. And again, Here I am with the children God gave me.

¹⁴Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that through his death he might destroy the one holding the power of death—that is, the devil



¹⁵and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he does not reach out to help angels, but to help Abraham's offspring.



¹⁷Therefore, he had to be like his brothers and sisters in every way, so that he could become a merciful and faithful high priest in matters pertaining to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For since he himself has suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.









Let's remember who the author was.



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vs 1-4



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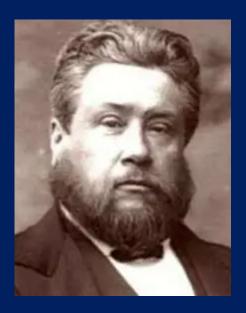
What is it that we have heard? (hint read 1:2-3)

Why must we pay attention?

What does it mean to "drift away"?



That is to say, because Jesus is so great, because the truths which he came to reveal are so infinitely important, "therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip; "for, sometimes, we seem to let them slip. We grow old; our mind is dull; our heart is occupied with other matters, and we let these heavenly things leak out, or drift by us, as if we were not concerned in them.



Charles Spurgeon



Luther says, "When I think of what Christ suffered, I am ashamed to call anything that I have endured, suffering for his sake." He carried his heavy cross, but we only carry a sliver or two of it; he drank his cup to the drege, and we do but sip a drop or two at the very most. "Consider him." Consider how he suffered far more than you can ever suffer, and how he is now crowned with glory and honor; and so you are to be like him



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How shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?

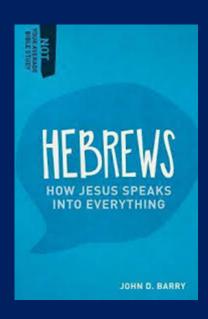
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Question 1

Hebrews 2:4 tells us of four things God has done to reveal himself. What are these four things?

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⁵For he has not subjected to angels the world to come that we are talking about.

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⁵It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.

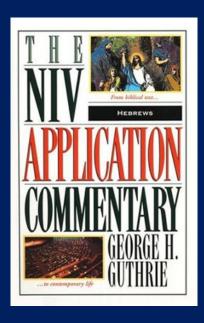


Verses 6-8 is taken from Psalms 8. Listen to this remarkable song based on this passage.





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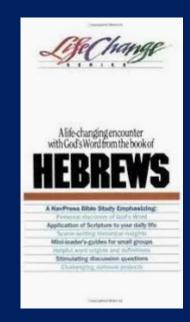




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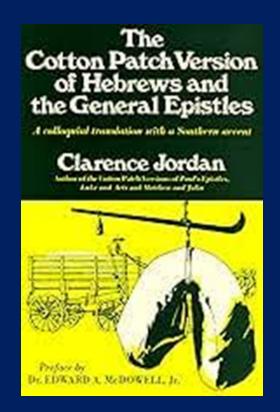
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What restorative steps would you advise for those who have drifted away from God or failed to pay attention to His Word?





When we speak of "turning everything over," nothing is excluded. Of course, at present we don't see this as an accomplished fact. But I do think that the sentence, "only for a time you made him lower than the angels," refers to Jesus who, because he made the supreme sacrifice, was elevated to a position of honor and trust, so that he, by God's grace, might taste of death for each of us. vs 8-9

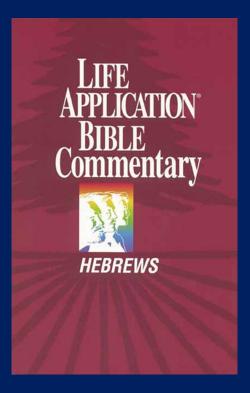




What assurance do you have that Jesus is not ashamed to call you his brother or sister?

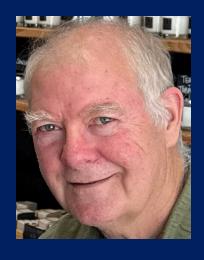
Jesus died in your place, as your substitute - 2:9 Jesus faced suffering in order to provide your salvation - 2:10

Jesus makes you holy and accepts you into his family - 2:11





The bottom line is that Jesus, who was fully God and fully man, died for our sins so that we might be able to restore our relationship with our Father in heaven. We call this salvation. This chapter provides deeper theological evidence for this truth.





"That's all Folks!"