

Hebrews Chapter 2

Heed His Better Message (2:1-4)

1. Because of the Son's Great Person (1a)

For this reason – Because the Son is greater than the prophets and the angels (chapter one).

- He is the eternal Son (1:24)
- His throne is forever (1:8)
- He is the eternal Creator (1:10)
- He is waiting to rule (1:12-13)

2. Because of the Great Peril (1b)

We must pay closer attention – Watch closely how you steer the ship. Don't text and drive!

Lest we drift away – A nautical term that pictures an unanchored ship slowly floating into danger.

3. Because of the Great Penalty (2-3a)

How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? – This is the same salvation of verse 14 and refers to believer's kingdom inheritance. Only a believer can neglect salvation.

4. Because of the Great Proofs (3b-4)

Five proofs of the Kingdom Message:

1. Jesus
2. The eyewitnesses
3. The apostles
4. Miracles
5. God and the Holy Spirit

He Restores the Kingdom (2:5-18)

1. He restores man's destiny (2:5-9)

The world to come – A common expression of the time for the Kingdom of the Messiah. The world to come consists of the coming millennial kingdom and eventually the new heavens and new earth. Verses 6 – 8 are a quotation of Psalm 8:4-6 where David praises God for putting man in the position of ruling over the earth.

A little lower than the angels – We are temporarily lower than the angels, but we will be above them in the millennial kingdom.

We do not yet see all things subject to Him – Why? Because Jesus waits for the Father's timing (Acts 1:6-7).

But we do see Him – Everything the author has revealed about Jesus gives us the assurance that that day is coming!

Because of the suffering of death – A major theme of Hebrews is introduced with these words! Suffering precedes and produces glory and honor. "We gain our thrones just as the High King did – by faithfully bearing trials." Rick Olgesby

(Among The Kings companions, Self Published, 2018)

2. He brings many sons to glory (2:10-13)

Bringing many sons to glory – Glory is not a place but a state of being. *To perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings* – Because of his humanity and suffering, Jesus is the only person qualified to lead us back to the kingdom.

He is not ashamed to call them brethren – Being a sibling of Jesus guarantees kingdom glory. He is never ashamed to call us His brothers or sisters, regardless of our present progress or failures.

The future worship: (Psalm 22:22)

- Preaching – *I will proclaim Thy name...*
- Worship – *I will sing Thy praise...*
- Faith – *I will put my trust in Him...*
- Relationship – *I and the children whom God has given Me.*

3. He delivers from the devil (2:14-16)

Through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil – By becoming a man, dying on the cross, and being raised from the dead, Jesus defeated death and rendered Satan powerless.

And might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. – This help is not for angels but for the descendant of Abraham – Not physical Jews but believers, the spiritual descendants of Abraham.

4. He frees from sin (2:17-18)

We have a high priest, in heaven, who is just like us. He is a real man who feels our feelings and realizes our frailties.

Propitiation – Better "expiation." This word is only used here and in Luke 18:13.

Expiation – Emphasis is the removal or cleansing of sin.

Propitiation – Emphasis is on the satisfaction or appeasement of God's wrath.

He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted – Not only is Jesus our past provision for sin, He is our present High Priest and will be our future Kingdom Ruler. To be counted as his companions we need His help today as our King-Priest.

"We have been saved freely by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. But, the road to glory and dominion over the creation is a tough road. We often encounter on that road, trouble, hardship, frustration, and suffering. But our leader has traveled the road ahead of us. He has been victorious over everything. He has now sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. From there, He is able not only to help us, but also to inspire us."

Zane Hodges (*Hebrews, The Journey of Faith*, Victor Street bible Chapel, 2011.)