

Lesson 3 – Hebrews 2:1-18

Day 1

1. Pray!

2. Review: Last week we learned that the writer of this letter used **seven** quotations from the Old Testament, all of which prove the superiority of Christ to angels. Here are the affirmations that were made:

1. He, Jesus Christ, is the Son of God. (v. 4-5)
2. He is the First-born who receives worship. (v. 6)
3. He is served by the angels. (v. 7)
4. He is God enthroned and anointed. (v. 8-9)
5. He is the eternal Creator. (v. 10-12)
6. **Christ is the Sovereign ruler; angels are the ministers... “sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation.” (v. 13-14)**

3. Read **chapter 2**. Continue to mark the words you marked in chapter 1. Mark the words *we/us* and “*man/son of man*” only in this chapter.

4. In light of all the writer says in **chapter 1**, what does he conclude in **Hebrews 2:1**? Write out the verse below.

Note: The use of **therefore** in Hebrews makes us pay attention to a point of application after the writer developed a principle. The scriptural **fact** of Jesus’ superiority over the angels has life-changing application. Now we consider the application!

5. Do a word study for the following words:

earnest –

heed-

drift

5. **Hebrews 2:1-3** gives us the first of five admonitions (encouragements!). Read these verses again. Their purpose is to encourage us to pay attention to God’s Word and obey it!

a. In **verse 1**, the writer says, “we must give the more earnest heed.” Consider also, **Hebrews 2:3c**. Who is the “we/us” according to these verses.

b. If we do not give the more earnest heed, what will happen? (**v1**)

c. According to **verse 3**, what is the danger?

c. Is he writing to believers or unbelievers?

d. The author did not write “rejecting” but “neglecting”. Is he encouraging sinners to become Christians; or encouraging Christians to pay attention to the great salvation they have received from the Lord?

6. If we don’t give earnest heed to God’s Word, we will drift. We need an anchor. Later in this letter, the writer uses an illustration of an anchor to show how confident we can be in the promises of God. Read **Hebrews 6: 13-18**. What do you learn from these verses?

7. Note: As believers, more spiritual problems are caused by neglect than perhaps any other failure on our part. We neglect God’s Word, prayer, fellowship and other opportunities for spiritual growth. As a result, what do we do?

The anchor to our soul does not move; we do. And you will drift with the current! How does this speak to your heart? Have you ever drifted? Does this bring to mind times you have drifted. Do you drift often? As you close out this lesson, take some time to talk to our Father in heaven what’s on your heart?

Day 2

1. Pray!

2. Read **Hebrews 2:1-4**.

3. If we don't hold on tight to God's Word, we will drift away. This causes us to neglect our salvation. Today you will look up scriptures to encourage you to live out God's Word so you don't drift and neglect your salvation!

Phil. 2:12

Rom. 12:1

Psalm 63: 1-5

Matt. 6: 33-34

Col. 1: 26-27

Jude 1: 24

Hebrews 6: 1-3

Hebrews 10: 22-23

Psalm 100: 3

1 John 5: 13

4. How has the Holy Spirit spoken to your heart through these verses? Have they exhorted, corrected, or challenged? Write out your thoughts and then end in prayer!

Day 3

1. Pray!

2. Read **Hebrews 2**.

3. As we have studied, if we don't give more earnest heed, we will drift away. Drifting naturally happens without an anchor to something solid. If we are not securely set in the superiority of Jesus, we will drift with the currents of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

In Hebrews 2: 2-4, the lesson is emphasized: how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? Let's go these verses, interrogating the text! (Asking who, what, when, where, why & how!)

4. **Verse 2a** says "**for if the word spoken through angels**". When was the word spoken through angels? What is the writer referring to? Look up the following scriptures.

Deut. 33:2

Acts 7:53

Gal. 3:19

The idea is that angels had a role in bringing what to Moses?

5. So, according to **verse 2**, the Mosaic Law proved what?

And it was strict and it demanded to be taken seriously because "**every transgression and disobedience received**" what?

6. **Verse 3** says, “how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation... “ What is he saying? If we must take the word that came by angels seriously, then we must take the word that came by who, more seriously?

Jesus made available “so great a salvation”. When we consider something great, we will naturally pay attention to it and not what?

If we neglect something, we probably do not consider it great. Our salvation is great, because: (what comes to mind?)

7. Our great salvation was spoken by the Lord and confirmed to us by whom?

How did they bear witness?

- a.
- b.
- c.

According to whose will?

8. As you end your lesson today, consider this. Aren't you blessed by so great a salvation? Take a few moments to thank the Lord!!

Day 4

1. Pray!

2. As you start today, remember, we are studying a section of this letter that shows the superiority of Christ over angels. (**Heb. 1: 4-2: 18**) It is divided into 3 sections:

Hebrews 1: 4-14 - an affirmation of the superiority of Christ to angels.

Hebrews 2: 1-4 - an exhortation that readers give earnest heed to the Word God has given through His Son.

Hebrews 2: 5-18 - an explanation of how Christ, with a human body, could still be superior to angels, who are spirits.

3. Read **Hebrews 2: 5-18**

4. In **verses 5-8a**, the writer quotes **Psalm 8: 4-6**. Take a few minutes to read the whole psalm for context. What does David marvel at?

For added understanding, look up and read **Gen. 1: 26-30**. How do these verses apply to what is being said by the writer?

Who has dominion of the whole creation and the world to come?

But what's the problem according to **Hebrews 2:8**?

5. God had an answer to the dilemma. The writer says at the beginning of **verse 9**, "But we see _____"!

By the grace of God, what did Jesus do?

He was made a little lower than the angels for what purpose?

Jesus humanity enabled Him to regain man's lost dominion!!

6. Look up and write out what you learn in the following verses:

Phil. 2: 7-9

1 Cor. 15: 45

Eph. 1: 20-23

Rev. 1: 5-6

7. Jesus had to die and "taste death" (experience death) for everyone. End today, meditating on the fact that Jesus humanity made Him greater than angels, not inferior to angels. Angels cannot save lost sinners and restore man's lost dominion. Spend a few minutes in prayer, as the Lord leads.

Day 5

1. Pray!

2. Yesterday, according to **verses 5-9**, we learned Jesus' humanity enabled Him to regain man's lost dominion. Today, we will see 3 more reasons why our Lord's humanity was not a mark of inferiority to angels.

3. Read **Hebrews 2: 5-18**.

4. According to **Heb. 2: 10-13**, Jesus' humanity enabled Him to do what? **(v.10)**

a. Who is the captain of salvation... the captain of our salvation?

b. **Captain** literally means "pioneer... one who opens the way for others to follow." Jesus is the captain... the leader, the advance... of our salvation. This has wonderful implications! I will list one example below. Then you add any examples you can think of.

A captain makes all the arrangements for the march, and Jesus makes the arrangements for our progress as Christians.

c. In *bringing many sons to glory*, it was fitting for the Sovereign God "to make the captain of their salvation **perfect** through sufferings." This statement does not suggest that Christ was imperfect (morally speaking) when He was here on earth. Perfect means "complete, effective, adequate." Jesus could not have become an adequate Savior had He not what?

5. "*He (Jesus) is not ashamed to call the brethren, saying...*" (**Heb. 2: 11c-12a**) The writer cites 3 proofs from the Old Testament that relate to Jesus the Messiah calling His people His brethren. Note what you learn from each quote.

Psalm 22:22

Isaiah 8: 17

Isaiah 8:18

6. Read **Hebrews 2: 14-18**. How did Jesus' humanity enable Him to disarm Satan and deliver us from death? Note: the word "destroy" means to render inoperative, make of no effect. Satan is not destroyed as in annihilated; he is disarmed.

7. How do the following passages relate to **Hebrews 2: 14-18**.

Romans 5: 14-19

Philippians 2: 5-11

2 Corinthians 5: 21

8. I know this week's homework was longer than usual, but it is necessary to really catch the depth of what is being said in **Hebrews 2: 1-4** and in **Hebrews 2: 5-18**. I will add more cross-references in class. You cannot help but be amazed at the grace and wisdom of God. When Jesus became Man, He did not become inferior to angels. He accomplished something angels could never accomplish. At the same time, He made it possible for us to share in His glory!

He is not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters. Are we ashamed to call Him Lord before men?