

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

V.2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense,

V.3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

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

V.5 For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.

V.6 But one has testified somewhere, saying, "WHAT IS MAN, THAT THOU REMEMBEREST HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT THOU ART CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?"

V.7 "THOU HAST MADE HIM, **FOR A LITTLE WHILE**, LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; THOU HAST CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND HAST APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF THY HANDS;

V.8 THOU HAST PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET." For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

V.9 But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

#### Review:

- 1) If every word spoken by angels steadfast – how much more God's words?
  - a) His Word doesn't say **whatever you want** it to say!
  - b) Words have meanings – He says what He wants to say!
  
- 2) WE are **warned** to avoid falling into a trap by **drifting**
  - a) We cant' ignore so great a salvation
  - b) Such a great salvation – **is** the whole salvation package
    - i) Past, present, future
  - c) Salvation is so much more than – just missing hell
  
- 3) There is ample evidence that God's Word is true for anyone wanting to know the truth **V.4**
  - a) Years ago I learned that there is no value in arguing w/ atheist  
**Ps.14:1** The **fool** has said in his heart, "There is no God."  
 They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds;  
 There is no one who does good.
  
- 4) There is a world coming where we will rule & reign – **V.5**

- a) How we live here & now – greatly impacts how we will live there

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1) "WHAT IS MAN, THAT THOU REMEMBEREST HIM" (V.6)

- a) Man is a very small part of all God has created
  - i) But God states 4 things about man to help us understand our place in creation

2) **#1** "MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS" (V.7)

- a) We were created above animals but lower than angels level of being
- b) **We would be very insignificant** in the big scheme of things – but for one thing

3) **#2** "THOU HAST CROWNED HIM WITH **GLORY AND HONOR**"

- a) God **gave man a dignity** He didn't give any other (including angels)
- b) **What kind of dignity?**
  - i) The answer

**Gen1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- c) This is why killing a human is much different than killing an animal

4) **#3** "AND HAST APPOINTED HIM **OVER** THE WORKS OF THY HANDS"

- a) God put **man in authority** over His creation – **not angels**
- b) **God's plan** was for **man to rule** creation
- c) **It is still God's plan**

5) **#4** "But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him" (V.8)

- a) Man failed to live up to what he was created to do
- b) Man sinned!
  - i) **Nature** turned against man

**Gen.3:17 (NP)**

**Gen.3:17** Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

V.18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you shall eat the plants of the field;

ii) **Work** would no longer be the joy it was meant to be  
**Gen.3:19** By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."

iii) And **implanted** the **death** factor into man  
**V.19** By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."

c) Man has muffed his mission – lost control – now the **only thing** that is **sure** is **death**

**Rom.5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned--

- i) Man in hopeless state
- ii) Man's role needs to be fulfilled
- iii) But man can't do it

**iv) So now what? We need a HERO! Deliverer**

v) Creation is **scoured** looking for Someone take over!

**Rev.5:1(NIV)** Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. (still looking for someone to run this place)

4 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

**V.6 (NP)**

6 Then I saw a **Lamb**, looking as if it had been **slain**, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

7 He came and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song: "**You** are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, **because** you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

V.9 *But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.*

- 1) "But we do see Him"
  - a) The **Lion** of the tribe of Judah! **Jesus!**
- 2) "Jesus, because of the suffering of death **crowned with glory and honor**"
  - a) Jesus **the man** –
  - b) A man finally crowned with glory & honor
    - i) **Now Ps.8 can be fulfilled**
- 3) "that by the grace of God He might **taste** death for everyone"
  - a) His death was very real

V.10 For it was fitting for Him, <sup>(the Father)</sup> for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons <sup>(that's us)</sup> to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation <sup>(Christ)</sup> through sufferings.

- 1) "to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings"
  - a) Christ was **already perfect** – as in having **no sin**
  - b) **This perfection** is the idea of **completeness** – word comes from root to end
    - i) To bring something to its end or completion
  - c) You can never say that Christ doesn't understand what I'm going through
    - i) He suffered the same pains everyone else suffers – yet w/out sin  
**Heb.4:15 (NP)**

**Heb.4:15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet* without sin.

V.11 For both He who sanctifies<sup>(Jesus)</sup> and those who are sanctified<sup>(us – on going process)</sup> are all from one Father; for which reason *He is not ashamed to call them brethren*,

1) "He is not ashamed to call them brethren"

- a) We are God's sons – not the way Christ is a Son – but a son
- b) Therefore Christ is not ashamed to own us as brothers
- c) Do you see your high & lofty calling as a believer?
- d) There is something wrong when this kind of calling doesn't spur you to live on a high plane

**Phil.3:14** I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

e) **This does explain** what is meant by the passage in **Mark 8**

**Mark 8:38** "For <sup>a</sup>whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, <sup>b</sup>the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He <sup>c</sup>comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

V.12 saying, "I WILL PROCLAIM THY NAME TO MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING THY PRAISE."

1) "I WILL PROCLAIM THY NAME TO MY BRETHREN"

a) This is a quote from **Ps.22:22**

**Ps.22:22** I will tell of Your name to my brethren;  
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.<sup>1</sup>

i) Here is a picture of Christ in the midst of His brethren worshipping the Father

b) He is showing an **intimacy** between **Jesus, believers** & the **Father**

i) Explains what Christ meant in **John 20:17**

ii) After raised from dead – to Mary

**Jn.20:17** Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" "

c) This intimate connection is seen in His prayer for us

**Jn.17:21** that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.

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V.13 (NP)

V.13 And again, "I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM." And again, " BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME."

- 1) "I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM... I AND THE CHILDREN...GIVEN ME"
  - a) This is a quote from **Isa.8:17&18**
  - b) In Isaiah's day **Israel** was **turning to Assyria** for help instead of God
  - c) Isaiah said he would wait on God – w/ his sons
  
  - d) But the deeper meaning – **Christ trusting the Father**
    - i) No one ever leaned on the Father as Christ did
    - ii) We are to live a life of trusting Him also
  
  - e) Christ lived as 100% man on earth **V.14**

V.14 Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;

V.15 and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

- 1) "He Himself likewise also **partook** of the same" (**V.14**)
  - a) The word "**partook**" is interesting
  - b) It means that He became a man in true sense of the word
  - c) But He didn't give up being God
    - i) **He was God & He was man**
  
- 2) "that through death...render powerless...who had...power of death" (**V.14**)
  - a) Satan doesn't have the power to cause **death** – w/out permission
    - i) **It means** that Satan **introduced death** by introducing sin into human race
  
  - b) Christ disabled death – **nullified** it – **disarmed** it
  - c) Death has lost its sting b/c Christ defeated it
  
- 3) "deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery"
  - a) Believers live w/ different attitude about death than rest of world

V.16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.

- 1) "He does not give help to angels"
  - a) Remember **Christ didn't die for angels** – He died for people
  - b) Keep that in mind when you read from James 2  
**James 2:19** You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.  
V.20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

c) Christ didn't die for the demons – they have no salvation

V.17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

V.18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

1) "He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted"

a) He suffered all the temptations of man – yet yielded to **none** of them

b) WE have an ally – **more** than an ally – Someone who has made us His brother

**c) God loves us w/ a love that is beyond limits**

d) He adopted us into His family He cares for you more than you can know

**1 Jn.3:1** 1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

**Eph.2:4** 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ ( by grace you have been saved),

**Titus 3:3** 3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,

5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

e) How could anyone want to worship an angel or think of angels as beings we want to be like when we have been adopted by God Himself

f) All that is possible b/c of the Son

g) Angels are just angels – but the Son – He is God a very God & man a very man; Savior of mankind

h) **What is an angel when compared to Christ – NOTHING!**