

The Epistle to the Hebrews

Hebrews 2:1-18

- Questions

1. What conclusion (“therefore”) does the author draw from the argument he made in chapter 1 (2:1)?
2. What real danger for Christians is mentioned by the author (2:1)?
3. What do angels do for God and how does God deal justly with those who disobey (2:2)?
4. What rhetorical question is asked by the author and what is the answer (2:2-3)?
5. What did God use to confirm and bear witness to his word (2:3-4)?
6. Who has been made “a little lower than the angels” (2:7,9)?
7. What does God make subject to mankind that he does not make subject to the angels (2:5-8)?
8. What suffering did Jesus experience so that mankind could have salvation (2:9) and what did this suffering do for Jesus (2:10)?
9. What close relationship do the sanctified saved ones have with Jesus (2:11-13)?
10. What good attitude does Jesus have toward his Father (2:13)?
11. What did Jesus share in with mankind and for what purpose (2:14-15)?
12. What activities does Jesus do as a high priest on behalf of the saved (2:16-18)?

- Digging Deeper

1. What are some Bible examples of God using angels (messengers) to speak his word (2:2; see also Deut. 33:2; Acts 7:38, 53; Gal. 3:19;)?

2. What are some Bible examples of God bearing witness to his word by “signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit” (2:4)?
3. What is “the world to come” (2:5; see also 6:5) and what OT passage is quoted in 2:6-8?
4. What verses in Hebrews 1 emphasize the deity of Jesus and what verses in Hebrews 2 emphasize the humanity of Jesus?
5. What does “author” mean in the phrase “author of their salvation” (2:10)?
6. Who are Jesus’ “brethren” (2:11-12, 17; see Jn. 20:17)?
7. What OT passage is quoted in 2:12 and what OT passages are referred to in 2:13?
8. What does “propitiation” mean (2:17)?

- Applications for Today

1. There is an ever-present need to take heed because there is an ever-present danger of drifting away from God’s word (2:1; Prov. 3:21; 1 Tim. 4:1).
2. We will not escape God’s judgment if we neglect “so great a salvation” (2:3; Heb. 10:29; 12:25).
3. The salvation of mankind is “great” (2:3) because of God’s “great” love and sacrifice (Jn. 3:16) and because of God’s “great” reward of heaven (Col. 1:5).
4. Unlike the many “latter-day revelations” of man, the true word of God has always been confirmed by miracles (2:3-4; Mk. 16:20; 2 Cor. 12:12).
5. Mankind has the responsibility of taking care of God’s creation and using it for the good of others (2:7-8; Gen. 1:28-31).
6. Jesus sacrificed greatly and acted selflessly to become a man and to suffer death for the sins of the world (2:9-18; Phil. 2:5-8). The humanity of Jesus is emphasized in chapter 2 just like the deity of Jesus is emphasized in chapter 1.
7. One’s suffering can serve a greater purpose for himself and others (2:9; 1 Pet. 1:6-7).
8. Singing praises (without instruments) is the kind of music God wants today (2:12; Eph. 5:19).
9. Jesus stands ready to aid us when we are tempted (2:18; Heb. 4:14-16).