

Hebrews 2:1-18
January 17, 2024

- I. Introduction: What do we remember from last session?
- II. Where did the author leave the argument at the end of chapter 1?
- III. Read Hebrews 2:1-4: Ethical interruption
 - A. Doctrine vs. ethics
 - B. Why pay greater attention?
 - C. The Torah was proclaimed through angels (2:2; Jubilees 1:37, 39)
 - D. What's the relation between OT and "so great a salvation"? (2:2-3)
 - E. What substantiates "so great a salvation"? (2:3-5)
- IV. Read Hebrews 2:5-9
 - A. Why does the author speak of "angels" in 2:5?
 - B. Read Psalm 8:4-6 and Hebrews 2:6-8 (NIV)
 - 1. Of what is the Psalm speaking?
 - 2. What are the differences between the Psalm and Hebrews?
 - C. What do we not yet see (2:8)?
 - D. What do we see (2:9)?
 - E. How does the author tie the Psalm to Jesus?
 - F. The parabola of salvation
- V. Read Hebrews 2:10-18
 - A. What does a "pioneer" do, and how is Jesus the "pioneer" of salvation? (2:10)
 - B. What does the author mean in saying Jesus was made "perfect"? (2:10)
 - C. Read Ps. 22:22. In citing Ps. 22:22 in 2:12, what is the author saying about Jesus?
 - D. Read Isaiah 8:17-18. In citing Isaiah 8:17-18 in 2:13, what is the author saying about Jesus?
 - E. Why did Jesus need to become like us to be our "high priest"? (2:17-18)
- VI. Lessons
 - A. Pay attention to the message
 - B. Jesus fully identified with us
 - C. Jesus ministers to us and intercedes for us
- VII. Prayer

Hebrews 2:1-4

Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ²For if the message declared through angels proved valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, ³how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was confirmed for us by those who heard him, ⁴while God added his testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:5-18

⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere, “What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them? ⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.” ¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Psalm 8:4-6

What are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

Hebrews 2:6-8 (NIV)

But there is a place where someone has testified: “What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? ⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor ⁸ and put everything under their feet.

Psalm 22:22

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Isaiah 8:16-17

I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. ¹⁸ See, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.