

Lesson 2

Hebrews 2
Christ Our Helper

1. From verse 1, what two dangers are warned against in these verses?
1 Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

2. From verse 1, what are we told to pay more careful attention to?

3. How is the warning strengthened that God's salvation in Christ is well worth our most intense obedience?
(vs. 3 - 4)
3 It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will.

4. From Heb. 2:5-10 what other proof of Jesus' supremacy over angels do we find?
5 For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. 6 It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? 7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels, you have crowned him with glory and honor, 8 putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. 9 But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one. 10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

5. What does the phrase, "the world to come" refer to? (vs. 5)

6. In what respects was Jesus made lower than the angels?

7. What elevated Him above them?

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8. Why did we need someone with flesh and blood like us, not an angel, to die in our place? (vs.14 -18)

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. 16 For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

9. Consider all these proofs of Jesus' supremacy over angels. What may have been a problem at the time this book was written?

10. *Challenge Question:* Jesus was never less than perfect, but taking "perfect" to mean matured or fully developed, how do you think He could be said to be 'made perfect' through suffering? (see Isaiah 53:5-6 and John 19:30)

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed. 6 We had all gone astray like sheep, all following our own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all.

John 19:30

30 When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

11. In Heb 2:11-18 what things were accomplished by the death of Jesus?

11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brethren, 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 God has given me." 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. 16 For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.