



THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

(WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MOSAIC REFERENCES)

HEBREWS 2:1-18

1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

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

3 how will 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,

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

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

THE FIRST WORD OF WARNING — THE SALVATION OF CHRIST IS GREATER THAN THE WORD BROUGHT BY ANGELS

- For which reason must we pay much closer attention to what we have heard?
 - What is the writer warning his hearers specifically to not do?
 - What does it mean to “drift away”?
- What does “unalterable” mean? (NIV translates “binding”)
- What word did the angels bring?
 - Acts 7:38
 - Acts 7:53
 - Galatians 3:19
 - Josephus XV:5:3 — “And for ourselves, we have learned from God the most excellent of our doctrines, and the most holy part of our law, by angels or ambassadors; for this name brings God to the knowledge of mankind, and is sufficient to reconcile enemies one to another.”
- Who brings this “great salvation” us to us?
 - _____
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- What is this “world to come”?
 - To whom did God subject the world to come?

6 But one has testified somewhere, saying, “WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?”

7 “YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

8 YOU HAVE 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.

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

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

- Of whom is the Psalm (8:4-6) speaking?
- How long will he be a little lower than the angels?
- What have men been appointed over?
- Are ALL things subjected to man?
- Who is the Hebrew writer talking about in v. 9?
- In what way was Jesus made a little lower than the angels?
- Why did Jesus come (v. 9)?
- “For it was fitting for _____ (who)”?
- Who is was perfected; who is the author of “their” salvation?
- How was He perfected?
- How does this perfect Him?
- Who is “He who sanctifies”?
- Who is “those who are sanctified”?
- What is the point that the writer of Hebrews is driving at in vv. 11-13?

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

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

14 Therefore, since 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,

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

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

17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make

- Why did Jesus partake of flesh and blood according to vv. 14,15?
- Can angels die?
- Would it have done any good for Jesus to come in the form of an angel?
- In what act(s) did Jesus render powerless him who had the power of death?
- How?
- How are we freed from fear of death?
- In what way does this fear of death enslave us?
- To sum up, what has made our salvation "great" and greater than anything that the angels did?

propitiation for the sins of the people.

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.

- What (apart from saving us from through His death on the cross) was another advantage to Jesus' becoming flesh that make it better than what the angels did?