

## HEBREWS 2

Hebrews 2 is a continuation of Hebrews 1 regarding the superiority of Jesus above all. We have read in the previous chapter that the Father called Jesus God and that the angels are subject to Him and created to worship and praise Him as well as ministering spirits to help us with our salvation.

**Because of the Superiority of Jesus, we need to pay attention to Him and not drift away from our salvation.**

**Therefore, we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip - (we drift away.)**

**We must give the more earnest heed:** here we have a stern warning to be careful what we see and hear and to test everything to the Word of God for Satan can transform himself as an angel of light and bring confusion or false messages. Test it even if it were brought by an angel. Do this in light of Jesus' superiority over angels. We must give **more earnest heed** to the words of Jesus.

If we are not securely set in the truth of the supremacy of Jesus, we will **drift** into danger with the currents of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

**For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?**

If we must take the word which came by angels seriously, then we must take the word that came by the *Son of God* even more seriously. The Son is proven to be greater than the angels, so His message should be regarded as greater. We should not neglect this great salvation brought to us by the Saviour Jesus Himself. (The Greatest One – God Himself) Remember, we are **saved by Jesus** at a **great cost** and from a **great penalty** and His Words, signs and wonders were confirmed by many witnesses.

God placed everything in subjection to Jesus and not the angels, making Him superior - **Psalm 8:4-6**

**For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honour, and set him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him.**

Angels do not have dominion over this world or the world to come.

**What is man:** Compared to the Creator, what is man, yet God has given us the authority and dominion everything an ambassador of Him - **He left nothing that is not put under him.**

**But now we do not yet see all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.**

**We see Jesus:** The promise is fulfilled in Jesus, who is Lord over all. Through Jesus, we were given dominion over all.- **(Revelation 1:6, 5:10 and Matthew 25:21).**

Also, we see Jesus as the centre of it all - **(Jesus the Centre Ministries)** He is the main aspect of our spiritual life.

**We see Him as:**

The Son of God that defeated the evil Adam brought into the world – which was death **(Romans 5:12).** The **suffering of death** on our behalf.

Our Saviour, Our Master, Our Friend, Our Deliverer, Our Healer and the One who loves sinners and died for of us.

**For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: “I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly, I will sing praise to You.” And again: “I will put My trust in Him.” And again: “Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.”**

Jesus is **the captain of our salvation** – The leader of our salvation who **made us perfect through His suffering.**

**Because man (human - Adam) who was made in the image of God, sinned, God had to become man through Jesus (born as a human) to rectify the error of man's sin.**

The point is that **it was fitting** for the Father to do this, in the sense that *it pleased the LORD to bruise Him (Isaiah 53:10)*, to do it for the sake of rectifying where man has failed and through it, **bringing many sons to glory.**

**For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one:** Therefore, we are **sanctified** by One who has been sanctified. We are all of the same human family, so Jesus **is not ashamed to call them** (that is, us) **brethren.** (brothers)

**Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.**

He could not be our brother unless He was also human like us. As a human He had to destroy the power Satan has held over man.

Jesus calls us brethren in **Psalm 22:22, Isaiah 8:17,** and **Isaiah 8:18.**

**Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.**

If Jesus were not **like** us, He could not be our High Priest, representing us before the Father and making atonement for our sins.

**He is able to aid those who are being tempted:** Because Jesus became human and experienced human suffering, He is able to help us in temptation. He knows exactly what we are going through for He became one of us.

What a great God we serve that He who is far superior, could become One with us, going through the same trials, being obedient to the father unto death in order to redeem us and set us free, yet calls us His brethren.

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