

The Book of Hebrews Chapter Two

Better Than Angels – Part 2

I. Chapter Two Memory Verse:

Hebrews 2:3 *“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him”*

II. Lesson – Chapter Two

A. Warnings to the Hebrews (2:1-4)

1. If God has spoken, especially through His own Son, WE Jews had better listen!
2. Don't let God's words “_____” (1Sam 3:19)
 - a. Be careful that we do not at any time drift away from them.
3. Take EARNEST heed
4. God's expectations in the Old Testament
 - a. Were _____
 - b. Every disobedience was punished (Dt 32:35,36). No one escaped then!
5. How then shall “WE” Hebrews escape NOW?
 - a. The “WE” is referring to the Hebrew people – the Jewish nation – not individuals
6. God was warning of coming righteous punishment. (Heb 3:11,13,17,19; 4:1,11; 6:8; 10:27,39; 12:17,25).
 - a. All anyone ever has to do is _____ to obey – put it off – not make it a priority
 - b. Applies to both salvation, and to doing the will of God
7. We Hebrews HAVE the Messiah's words now
 - a. He has spoken
 - 1) To us first – and then to the Gentiles
 - 2) He confirmed his word
 - a) With signs and wonders and miracles (1Cor 1:21) – all for the JEWS
 - b) Done by the apostolic witnesses (2Cor 12:12)
 - c) Gifts of the Holy Ghost
 - 3) Difference between the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit
 - a) The Holy Ghost (5 times in Hebrews) refers to His _____ (Mt 28:19). This is His name, like Jehovah is the Father's name
 - b) The Holy Spirit (2 times in Hebrews) refers to his _____ (Rom 8:16) – His ministry is a spiritual work
 - b. He will speak again – just before the kingdom comes – premillennial (Heb 12:25-28)

B. The Authority of the Messiah (2:5-9)

1. No _____ has been given authority over the world to come – the kingdom of heaven on earth (the Millennial kingdom)
2. No _____ can rule it

- a. What is man? We are a joke!
- b. Why is God mindful of man, and why does God "visit" him?
 - 1) Because we were made to fellowship with God – angels weren't
 - 2) Because we are made like God – in His image – angels aren't
 - 3) Because we can be the habitation of God – angels can't be
3. ALL of God's creation has been placed under subjection to mankind by the Word of God (2:8). Mankind is to rule right now, not Satan!
4. To whom or to what is the Christian to be in subjection?
 - a. Only to God through Christ.
 - b. No creature or thing is to have dominion over a member of the Body of Christ.
 - c. Much of our Christian experience is occupied with the freeing of us from the dominion of creatures, things, and circumstances.
 - d. God has placed all things in subjection under mankind. God has left nothing that has not been placed under mankind.
 - e. However, in the present hour, all things are not under man. But God calls circumstances that are not, as though they were. God creates in a timeless vision. All things are finished in the sight of God. We now are in the working out of them.
 - f. God sees the end from the beginning. We have been predestined, according to the foreknowledge of God, to be in the image of Christ. Yet we are never to take an attitude of passivity or inevitability. We still must make godly choices if we are to obtain our inheritance.
5. But we see Jesus! What He accomplished, and what He earned (Philp 2:7)
 - a. He was made lower than the angels – Made into a Man
 - b. Why?
 - 1) So that He could _____ – God could not suffer as we do
 - 2) So that He could experience death, tasting death for every person. Jesus suffered and tasted death for EVERY man Jesus had to experience the pain that we experience so He could become the author of our salvation and our elder Brother.
 - 3) So that He could Die in man's place under righteous wrath – God cannot die
 - 4) So that He could _____
 - 5) So that He could be _____
 - a) Jesus now possesses all authority and power in Heaven.
 - b) Jesus now possesses all authority and power on the earth.
 - c) Jesus now possesses all authority and power over all creatures in Heaven, in Hell, those who are dead, those who are alive, those yet to be born.
 - 6) So that He could be _____
 - 7) So that all of creation could be under the power and authority of mankind again – as it was designed to be from the garden of Eden
6. God formed a Perfect MAN out of Jesus (2:10)
 - a. Not just at birth – without sin
 - b. But perfected through _____
 - c. God made Jesus into our _____ – our leader in our realm
 - 1) Generals never fight in the trenches or on the battlefield
 - 2) Only Captains fight alongside their fellow soldiers, risking their lives alongside everyone else!
 - d. God made himself into a perfect man to SAVE us

- e. He did it so that we could be part of His family – to have many brethren!

C. The Family of God (2:10-18)

1. GOD did everything needed to save us and restore us!
2. He makes sinful men, into brethren – and Jesus is NOT ashamed to call us His brothers (Rom 8:29)
3. Why is Christ not ashamed to call of us "brothers"?
 - a. Because he actually repaired our record PERFECTLY – we can grieve Him, but not discourage Him – so he always proudly rejoices in his relationship to US (see Jesus with publicans and sinners).
 - b. He has birthed us into His family – we didn't earn this place!
 - c. Because He has made us holy.
4. Notice who sings praises to God in the midst of the church: _____ (Ps 22:22; Isa 8:17,18)
 - a. When we sing hymns to God and praise God, Christ sings with us, His brothers. As we all sing praises there is satisfaction in the heart of God.
5. The Destruction of Satan's Power
 - a. It was necessary for God to become flesh and blood, so that _____ He could render powerless the one who possessed the power, the dominion, of death
 - b. That is, the devil.
 - c. Satan does not now control death anymore!
6. What fear keeps mankind in bondage? _____
 - a. The fear of death keeps mankind in slavery.
 - b. But now the saint does not fear death at all because Christ holds the keys of Hell and death.
7. Whom did Christ choose to resemble? _____
 - a. Not a gentile, an American, an Italian, etc!
 - b. But a descendant of Abraham. A JEW!
8. Why did Christ come to earth as a man?
 - a. Christ chose to be made like His brothers so He could be our merciful and faithful High Priest in the Presence of God.
9. How did Jesus make "reconciliation for the sins of the people"?
 - a. He paid the price for our sins by the offering of His own body and blood on the cross. This was possible only by becoming a human being.
10. Why is Jesus able to "succour _____ them that are tempted"?
 - a. Because Christ Himself was tested severely in the things He suffered on the earth He is able to come to the aid of each of us when we are going through a period of testing and suffering. Christ was tested and experienced suffering just as we are tested and experience suffering. Christ knows our pain. Therefore He is able to help us and to make intercession for us before the throne of His Father in Heaven.

III. Questions from Chapter Two

- A. From what are we warned to escape? _____
- B. How did God bear witness of His Word under the old covenant? _____
- C. How did God bear witness of his Word under the new covenant? _____
- D. Who has been given dominion over the world to come? _____
- E. _____
- F. Why is God mindful of man, and why does God "visit" him? _____
- G. Who has been crowned with glory and honour by the Lord God, right now? _____
- H. Who has been given dominion over the works of God's hands, right now? _____
- I. What part of God's creation has NOT been placed under subjection to mankind? _____
- J. To whom or to what is the Christian to be in subjection? _____
- K. Why was the Lord Jesus made a little lower than the angels? _____
- L. How was Christ made perfect? _____
- M. Why is Christ not ashamed to call of us "brothers"? _____
- N. Who sings praises to God in the midst of the church? _____
- O. Why was it necessary for Christ to become flesh and blood? _____
- P. What fear keeps mankind in bondage? _____
- Q. With whom did Christ choose to associate, whom did He choose to resemble? _____
- R. Why did Christ come to earth as a man? _____
- S. Why is Jesus able to "succour [help] them that are tempted"? _____