

Hebrews

Lesson 2

Greatness of our Salvation 2:1-18

pay attention!

You can probably remember when your teacher would say to you, *pay attention!* Perhaps it was in reference to important subject matter that was going to be included on the midterm exam

The author of the book of Hebrews began chapter 2 this way: "We must *pay the most careful attention*, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away."

He then went on to compare the law of Moses spoken through angels to the message of salvation in Christ Jesus announced by the Lord, Heb. 2:1-4. Disobedience to the mosaic law brought severe punishment. Ignoring our salvation in Christ brings serious consequences as well.

See the attached study chart and discover the Greatness of our Salvation--its biblical proclamation, high price, eternal purpose & death-defying power. The superiority of Jesus Christ to the angels through His suffering and priestly work now qualifies Him to help those who are being tempted, 2:16-18.

Are we truly appreciating, living and faithfully sharing the great salvation we have in Christ?

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SO GREAT A SALVATION

Jesus here:

The Proclamation of Salvation	Announced & confirmed	2:1—We must pay the most careful ATTENTION, Attention therefore, to what we have HEARD, so that we do not DRIFT AWAY. 2For since the MESSAGE spoken through ANGELS was BINDING, and every violation and disobedience received its just PUNISHMENT, 3how shall we ESCAPE if we IGNORE so GREAT a SALVATION? This SALVATION, which was first announced by the LORD, was CONFIRMED to us by those who HEARD him. 4GOD also TESTIFIED to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by GIFTS of the HOLY SPIRIT distributed according to his will.	His great salvation
The Price of Salvation	Jesus suffered death for everyone	5—It is NOT to ANGELS that he has SUBJECTED the Lower WORLD to come, about which we are speaking. 6 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? 7You made them a LITTLE LOWER than the ANGELS; you crowned them with GLORY and HONOR 8and put everything UNDER their FEET." In putting everything under them, GOD left nothing that is not SUBJECT to them. Yet at PRESENT we do NOT see EVERYTHING subject to them. 9 BUT we do SEE JESUS, who was made LOWER than the ANGELS, for a LITTLE while, now CROWNED with GLORY and HONOR because he suffered DEATH, so that by the GRACE of GOD he might TASTE DEATH for EVERYONE.	His temporary subjection
The Purpose of Salvation	Bring many children to glory	10— In bringing MANY sons and daughters to GLORY, it was FITTING that GOD, for whom and through whom everything EXISTS, should make the PIONEER of their SALVATION PERFECT through what he SUFFERED. 11 BOTH the one who makes people HOLY and those who are made HOLY are of the SAME family. So JESUS is not ashamed to call them BROTHERS and SISTERS. 12 He says, "I will DECLARE your NAME to my brothers and sisters; in the ASSEMBLY I will sing your PRAISES." 13 And again, "I will put my TRUST in HIM." And again he says, "HERE am I, and the CHILDREN GOD has GIVEN me."	His full sanctification
The Power of Salvation	Break the power of death, to free	14—Since the CHILDREN have flesh and blood, he too ABLE SHARED in their HUMANITY so that by his DEATH he might BREAK the POWER of him who holds the POWER of DEATH—that is, the DEVIL— 15 and FREE those who all their lives were HELD in SLAVERY by their FEAR of DEATH. 16 For surely it is NOT ANGELS he helps, but ABRAHAM'S descendants. 17 For this reason he HAD to be made LIKE them, FULLY HUMAN in EVERY way, in order that he might BECOME a MERCIFUL and FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST in service to GOD, and that he might make ATONEMENT for the SINS of the PEOPLE. 18 Because HE himself SUFFERED when he was TEMPTED, HE is ABLE to HELP those who are BEING TEMPTED. 18	His effective priesthood

Salvation & the Trinity:

- > Announced by the Lord.
- > Confirmed by those who heard.
- > Testified to by God & Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- > Perfected by suffering.



Angels & Christ:

- > message through angels.
- > not subjected to angels.
- > lower than angels.
- > not angels He helps.

Death & Christ:

- > death suffered.
- > tasted death
- > breaking death's power.
- > fear of death.

(1) Old Testament quotations—Ps. 8:4-6 > Heb. 2:5-8; Ps. 22:22 > Heb. 2:12; Is. 8:17,18 > Heb. 2:13. (2) We cannot ignore our great salvation because of its biblical proclamation, high price, eternal purpose, and its death-defying power! (3) The angels observed but did not directly participate in man's great salvation (1 Peter 1:12). (4) Reasons for Christ's incarnation are shown in 2:17 & 18—complete identification with mankind in our sin and weakness, being qualified to make priestly atonement for our sin, and helping us when we face temptation. (5) Do I truly believe, live, and consistently share this so great salvation?