

Lesson 2: Study Questions – Hebrews 2:1-18

Heb. 2:1 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.

Heb. 2:5 For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.

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.

Heb. 2:10 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,

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.”

Heb. 2:14 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 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.

1. Why must we pay much closer attention to what we have heard? (2:1) (A) What areas of your life might be drifting from God's Word and ways?
2. Explain why the author asks the rhetorical question: "For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" (2:2-3)
3. Who confirmed what was first spoken through the Lord? How was God also testifying with them? (2:3b-4)
4. To whom did God not subject the world to come? (2:5)
5. What was testified concerning the subjection of all things under the feet of Jesus? (2:6-8) (C) What Old Testament prophetic passage does the author quote to demonstrate Christ's superiority to the angels?
6. (A) How does Philippians 2:5-11 Further contribute to your understanding of the humbling and exaltation of Jesus? How could you apply this truth to your life?
7. How much has God subjected to Christ? (Heb 2:8b) (A) What do you see in the world that is not yet subjected to Christ? Why do you think that we do not yet see all things subjected to Him?
8. For what purpose was Jesus made for a little while lower than the angels? For (2:9a)
9. What was the purpose for Jesus being made lower than the angels? For whom did Jesus taste death? (2:9b)
10. For whom are all things and through whom are all things? Who is bringing many sons to glory? (2:10)
11. Through what means did God perfect the author of our salvation? (2:10b) (A) How is God perfecting you through suffering?
12. Why is Jesus not ashamed to call them brethren? (2:11)
13. What Old Testament prophetic passages are used to demonstrate Jesus' identification with His brethren? (2:12-13) Explain their significance.
14. Why did Jesus partake of flesh and blood? (2:14a) How did Jesus render the devil powerless? (2:14b)
15. Who did Jesus set free by rendering the devil powerless? To what had they been subject all their lives? (2:15) (A) What is your attitude towards death? Why?

16. To whom does God NOT give help? To whom does God help? (2:16)

17. Why did Jesus have to be made like His brethren in all things? (2:17) Since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, who is He able to come to the aid? (2:18) (A) How are you being tempted today? From Whom will you seek aid?

18. What do you learn about God? How could you apply this truth to your life?

Write a prayer response to Heb 2:1-18.