

Book of Hebrews
Adult Sunday School Class
Faith Baptist Church 2010-2011

Lesson 3: Hebrews 2:1-18

I. Warning Against Negligence (verses 1-4)

1. What things that we have heard is he referring to in verse 1?
2. According to verse 1, why does he insist that it is more necessary to pay attention to what we've heard? Is this a warning for us?
3. What comparison is the author trying to bring out in verses 2 and 3 when he asks the question, "How shall we escape (flee) if we neglect (ignore, don't care about) such a great salvation?"
4. How was the word confirmed?

II. Man Made a Little Lower than Angels (verses 5-8)

1. Rather than angels, who has God put over the world to come? (See also I Cor. 6:3)
2. Consider:
 - Man's position
 - Man's crown
 - Man's dominion (as you consider this, also pay attention to the clarification in verse 8. Is it a matter of *what's* included in the dominion or a matter of *when*?)
3. How does this fit with Genesis 1 – 2 as far as man's assigned role is concerned?

III. The Son Joins Man in His Position so that He can Bring Many to Glory (verses 9-18)

1. It's difficult sometimes to know how the grammar of a verse fits together. In verse 9 it appears that "crowned with glory and honor is because of the suffering of death."
2. How does what Jesus is crowned with in verse 9 compare to what man was crowned with in verse 7?
3. By God's grace, the suffering of Christ in His death was for everyone. (John MacArthur rightly states: "Everyone who believes, that is. The death of Christ can only be applied in its efficacy to those who come to God repentantly in faith...")
4. According to verse 10, what was fitting? ("Perfect" in verse 10 has the idea of completion. Jesus in His humanity needed to experience all of life apart from sin. This included the experience of suffering and death.)
5. What do you think it means in verse 11 that both He who sanctifies and the ones being sanctified are all of one?
6. What are the terms used to describe us in relation to Christ? (1:9; 2:10; 2:11; 2:13)

7. Take a deeper look at 13b where He speaks of the children God has given to Him.
What does Jesus say about these people in the following verses: John 6:37; John 10:29; John 17: 6, 9, 12, 24
8. Jesus also shared in flesh and blood and became like His brothers so that He could accomplish several things. Make a list of those things from verses 14 – 18.
9. According to verse 16 He does not give aid to angels, but to the seed of Abraham.
Why do you think He does not give aid to angels?

Who is the seed of Abraham? (Galatians 3:15-29)

Digging Deeper

- Do a study in the book of Hebrews on the communication of truth. Look up such words as hearing, heard; speak, spoken; word, etc.
- Study and think about the terms the Holy Spirit used to describe Jesus' fellows in 1:9; 2:10; 2:11; 2:13;

Prompts for Meditation

- Meditate on Psalm 8, a portion of which is quote in Hebrews 2:6-8.
- Think about the fact that He is not ashamed to call you a brother. (2:11)
- Think about the fact that you were a gift to Christ from God. He is thankful for that gift and will take care of it and preserve it forever.