

# Hebrews 2

## Review of Hebrews 1

**V 1-2 – How had God spoken to humans in the past?**

-Explain "*many portions and ways*": Prophets, dreams, visions, etc.

**V 2 - When are the "last days"?** The Christian dispensation

**V 2-3 – How was the universe created?** By Christ

-Which Christian martyr saw Jesus at the right hand of God? Stephen – Read Acts 7:54-60

**V 4 – Jesus was better than the angels**

-What can we assume? Some in First Century worshiped angels

**V 5 – Were angels children of God?** No

**V 6 – How do we know Jesus is greater than the angels?** Angels worshipped Jesus at His birth

**V 8 – How long will Jesus be king?** Forever

**V10-11 – What will happen to earth and the heavens?** They will be destroyed

**V 14 – The purpose of angels?** Ministering spirits for the saints

## Hebrews 2.1-4

**V 1 – Why should we pay close attention to the gospel and not drift away?** Because of the position of Christ above the angels

-Do our minds sometime drift in the worship service? Yes

-What happens when we don't pay attention? We gradually drift away from the church

**V 2 – In the Old Testament, was the word of an angel binding?** Yes – Balaam and the angel

-Then is v 2 true? Yes

**V 3 – What is the author's point?** We are not to neglect the words of the gospel

-How did the gospel begin? Spoken through the Lord

-"*Those who heard*"? Apostles, etc.

**V 4 – How was the word confirmed?** Signs, wonders, gifts of the Holy Spirit

-Read Mark 16:17-20 – The miraculous gifts were sent to "*confirm the word*" – in other words, to establish the canon of the New Testament

-So miracles were to get New Testament books together, like cranking old time cars – once the motor started, you didn't have to crank it anymore

-Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-11

## **Hebrews 2.5-8**

**V 5** – "The world to come"? Heaven

**V 6** – Very interesting

-**Why would he not tell us the source (David)?** Possibly it was a speech, maybe he couldn't remember

-Best idea: he didn't want them to take more pride in David than in what he was saying about Jesus

**V 6-8** - Which Psalm is quoted? *Psalm 8*

-**In the universe, how significant is man?** Not worth much in the eyes of the world

-**But in the eyes of God?** Man is slightly lower than the angels

-**For how long?** Only a little while

**V 7-8** – When was man appointed to subdue the earth? Read Genesis 1:26-29

-Therefore God has put us in charge of the earth

**V 8** – We were also supposed to overcome sin in the world

-**Have we done it?** No

So we have failed in many aspects of our assignment

## **Hebrews 2.9-13**

**V 9** – Why were the Jews disappointed in Jesus? He was not a strong political leader, and he was killed in a humiliating way

-**Why did Jesus have to die?** (thought question)

**V 10** – What is the characteristic of a good leader? Knows what his troops have suffered, has been "Private First Class" in army, has been there

**V 11** – How is Jesus now in the same family as we are? 1. Suffered what we have to suffer, 2. We have the same Father

Therefore Jesus can call us brothers and sisters

**V 12-13** – We and Jesus are mutual partakers in the human predicament

## **Hebrews 2.14-18**

**V 14** – Do we all share "flesh and blood" as children of God? Yes

-The worse thing we face in life is death (the fear of death gets worse as we grow older)

-**Have you ever had a close friend die?** We go to the funeral home and see the body

-We ask, "*Wonder if it had been me?*" - It is hard to keep from being terrified

-Several years ago there was a jet airliner that crashed in the Midwest - There was a picture in the paper of it going down

-**What were the people thinking in the last few seconds?**

**-Why then did Jesus have to die?** To experience and overcome our worse enemy

**-Where did death come from?** Garden of Eden, *"In the day that you eat thereof, you will surely die..."*

**V 15** – **Are we slaves to death?** Yes

**V 16** – **"He"**= God – God does not resurrect angels, but he did resurrect Jesus (descendant of Abraham)

**V 17** – **Are we more akin to Jesus than the angels?** Yes

**-Why?** He went through death

**-A "merciful" high priest?** He suffered just as we have to suffer

**V 18** – **When was Jesus tempted?** *Matthew 4*

1. Make these stones become bread (lust of flesh)
2. Throw self off of temple (pride of life)
3. All kingdoms and world can be yours (lust of eyes)

**Main message of *Hebrews 2*:** Jesus is better than the angels

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