

A Study of Hebrews

Lesson 3

The Pioneer of Salvation

(Hebrews 2:5-18)

In Hebrews 1, the writer has been showing how Jesus is better than the angels. In Hebrews 2:1-4 we have a sort of parenthesis where there is a call for faithfulness and a warning against neglecting salvation. Now he returns the point of proving Jesus to be far superior to the angels.

The writer begins in 2:5 by saying that the world to come (Messianic age) is not subject to the angels. It is subject to the Son of God.

What is the “world to come” mentioned in Hebrews 2:5?

Does it amaze you that the Creator of the universe is mindful of people? Why or why not.

What was man’s original relationship with the Creation (Gen. 1:28)

The word translated as “little” can refer to time, space, or rank. What is the meaning in Hebrews 2:7?

In what way or ways are men lower than angels?

According to Hebrews 2:9, why is Jesus crowned with glory and honour? Explain how this could be.



Psalm 8:3-6

*When I look at your heavens,
the work of your fingers, the
moon and the stars, which
you have set in place, what is
man that you are mindful of
him,
and the son of man that you
care for him? Yet you have
made him a little lower than
the heavenly beings and
crowned him with glory and
honor. You have given him
dominion over the works of
your hands; you have put all
things under his feet.*

In verse 17, the Hebrew writer uses the word propitiation. Please write a definition for this word below.

What beautiful descriptions of Jesus are given in Hebrews 2:10-18. Consider the following:

1. Jesus is the **founder** of our salvation. Some translations say that he is our pioneer, author, captain, or trailblazer. What does this mean to you?

-- What is meant in verse 10 when we read that Jesus became perfect through suffering?

2. Jesus is the one who **sanctifies** us. Describe what is meant by the word "sanctification."

3. Jesus is our **brother** if we are Christians. Furthermore that does not cause him any shame to call us brothers. In verses 12-13 the Hebrew writer quotes from Psalm 22:22 and Isaiah 8:17-18. How might this understanding help us in reaching the lost?

4. Jesus is our **deliverer**. He delivers us from the power of death. He did this in his own death as he died for sin. Physical and spiritual death were introduced to the world with sin. Each of us sin. The penalty for sin is death. Jesus lived a life without sin and thus did not deserve to die. His death could pay the penalty for our sin and thus destroy the power of death; both physical and spiritual. (See 2 Timothy 1:10 and Revelation 1:18.

-- Note the following about the devil. He is a **real** being. He is an **enslaver**. His power is destroyed through the death of Jesus. The Lord Jesus wishes to deliver his people from the power of the devil.

5. Jesus is our **high priest**. Only the book of Hebrews calls Jesus our high priest. A priest represents men to God. Jesus made sacrifice of himself for us as high priest. This teaching will be expanded upon in the following chapters of Hebrews.

We also need to see clearly that Jesus suffered to help us. He who was God was made lower than the angels for a time (vs. 9). He suffered death for us (vs. 9, 14). He was made perfect through suffering (vs. 10). He was made like us (human - vs 17). When he suffered he was tempted (vs. 18). What does his suffering mean to you?