



JESUS

Up **C**lose and **P**ersonal

A Study of Hebrews | The Pastors' Bible Study 2013-2014

Hebrews 2:1-8
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Text

Hebrews 2:1-8, NIV

1 We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

2 For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment,

³ how 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.

⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵ It is not to angels that he has subjected the 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?**

**⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels;
you crowned them with glory and honor**

⁸ and put everything under their feet.”

8b “In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. ⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”

Reflection Questions

1. Hebrews 2:1 tells us that if we don't pay attention to what we have heard, it will slip away. Think about a time in your own life when you have been too busy, lazy, too distracted for whatever reason and haven't spent any time or energy with Jesus. How did you begin to "drift away"?
2. The writer of Hebrews says that we must "pay careful attention" to the gospel of Jesus. How do you do this in your life?
3. What have been the consequences of ignoring the message of salvation? First in your own life, then in the larger contexts of the community, the church, the world.
4. Heb 2:4 says that God testifies to the message of salvation with signs, wonders, and various miracles. How have you seen God show his power in these ways?

5. After verse 4, with all the evidence presented, one commentator concludes that rejecting the message or simply not paying careful attention to it must reveal a hardness of heart. Do you think that's true? Why or why not?

6. What does it mean that Jesus suffered death for you? How does this make a difference in your daily walk with him?

Next Week:
Hebrews 2:9-18
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NOTES AND THOUGHTS