

3 – THE SUFFERING SON (HEBREWS 2:1-18)

I. The First Admonition (Hebrews 2:1-4)

A. The Caution (Hebrews 2:1)

- The writer calls his readers to give heed to the teachings that they have heard.
- If they don't pay attention, they will drift away.

B. The Motivation (Hebrews 2:2-3a)

- The message spoken by angels refers to Old Testament law.
- The law is binding in that every transgression will be rewarded.
- The writer asks "how will we escape, if we ignore the great salvation."

C. The Message of Salvation (Hebrews 2:3b-4)

- This message of salvation was spoken by the Lord and witnessed by those who heard him.
- The message was validated by the Holy Spirit through miracles.

II. The Suffering Son (Hebrews 2:5-18)

A. The Humility and Glory of Son (Hebrews 2:5-9)

1. The Submission of All Things (Hebrews 2:5-8a)

a. Not to Angels (Hebrews 2:5)

- Angels will hold no authority in the coming age.

b. Humiliation and Exaltation (Hebrews 2:6-8b)

- Jesus assumed a position lower than the angels in the incarnation.
- Jesus was exalted by God the Father and everything is subject to him.

2. Current Understanding (Hebrews 2:8b-9)

- Currently, believers do not see everything in subjection to him.
- We do see Jesus crowned with glory because he tasted death for everyone.

B. The Son as Savior (Hebrews 2:10-18)

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1. The Appropriateness of His Suffering (Hebrews 2:10)

- The Creator brought many to glory through the perfection of his son through suffering.
- The word "perfect" refers to Jesus' perfect position before God the Father.

2. Jesus' Relationship with His People (Hebrews 2:11-13)

- Jesus identifies himself with those he has made holy and calls them brothers.

3. The Purpose of the Incarnation (Hebrews 2:14-16)

- Jesus became human like us so that through his death he would destroy the power of Satan.
- He did this so that he would be free those who were in bondage to the fear of death.
- He did this not for the angels, but for the descendants of Abraham.

4. The High Priest (Hebrews 2:17-18)

- Jesus had to become human so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest.
- This is so that he could make the atoning sacrifice for his people.
- Because he was tempted and suffered, he is able to help those who are tempted.