

HEBREWS 2

1. As the Old Testament prophets and the Lord Jesus are prophets, what is the difference?

-The Old Testament prophets were given the Word of God, but the Lord Jesus IS the Word of God.

2. What does the Lord Jesus seated in heaven teach us?

-That His work to die and save people from sin is finished.

3. What does the Lord Jesus seated at the right hand of God the Father teach us?

-That Christ has the seat of greatest honor, greatest power, and greatest glory.

4. Should we pray to angels?

-No.

-Angels are only servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

5. How did the Lord Jesus become the Son?

-To save people, the Lord Jesus humbled Himself, left heaven to come to earth to save us, and became a Son to the Father.

6. What does "Son of God" mean?

-It means that Christ is not from man nor from earth, but from God and from heaven.

7. How is the Lord Jesus the firstborn?

-He is the firstborn from heaven, having left heaven to come to earth.

8. Because God's angels worship Christ, what does this teach us?

-That Christ is God.

-In the last lesson, we learned that Christ is superior to prophets and angels.

-In this lesson, we will learn more about Christ being superior to angels.

Let's read Hebrews 2:1-3a

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?

-Why should all Christians pay careful attention?

-That we do not drift away from our faith in Christ.

-The blood of Christ which saves all Christians is the power of God Himself.

-This means that Christians cannot lose their salvation, but we can lose the fruit that God would give us if we do not allow God to work through us.

-What is the message spoken through angels?

-The law of Moses.

-Before Stephen was killed, he told the Jews that they “have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it” (Acts 7:53).

-Galatians 3:19 teaches us that “the law was given through angels.”

-It seems as if angels were with God when He gave the laws to Moses.

-Why is it important to know that the law of Moses was given through angels?

-If people were punished by breaking the law of Moses which angels brought, how much more will people be punished who refuse salvation which Christ brought.

-This is why all Christians should pay careful attention that we do not drift away from our faith in Christ.

Let's read Hebrews 2:3b-4

3-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.

-To show people that He was God, the Lord Jesus performed signs, wonders, and miracles.

-To show people that the teaching of the apostles was the teaching of Christ, God performed signs, wonders, and miracles through the apostles.

-Regarding miracles, it is important to understand that God alone can do miracles.

-At times, God does miracles by Himself without the help of people.

-As an example, God created the world by Himself just by speaking.

-At times, God does miracles through people whom He chooses.

-Many of these were the prophets in the Old Testament and the apostles in the New Testament.

-Why are there no prophets today like Moses and Elijah?

-Because the prophets were given the ability to do miracles to prepare the people for the coming of the Savior, and the Savior has come.

-Why are there no apostles today like Peter and Paul?

-Because the apostles were given the ability to do miracles to begin the Church, and the Church has begun.

-Are there signs, wonders, and miracles today?

-God is all powerful, and does not change.

-God can do any miracle if it is His will.

-God continues to use miracles to help people to believe in Christ.

-Does God give people the ability to do miracles today?

-No.

-If there are miracles, they come directly from God.

-Why don't we see more miracles today like we see in the Old and New Testaments?

-Because many of us have the Word of God.

-In Luke 16, the Lord Jesus told a story of a rich man and Lazarus.

-The rich man was greatly suffering in hell, and seeing

Abraham and Lazarus far away, asked Abraham to send Lazarus back to his family to warn them about hell.

-At the end, Abraham said this to the rich man:

-“If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

-In the story what is “Moses and the Prophets”?

-The Word of God.

-What was Abraham saying to the rich man?

-If they have the Word of God, but do not believe it, then no miracle will save them—not even someone coming back from the dead.

-This is why there are fewer miracles in the areas of the world where we have the Word of God.

-If people cannot believe the Word of God, then miracles will not help them.

-In the areas of the world where there is no Word of God, there may be more miracles.

Let's read Hebrews 2:5-8

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.” In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them.

-When God created the earth, did He give the earth to angels?

-No.

-When God created the earth, He gave the earth to Adam and Eve and to all people.

-God made Adam chief of the earth, and people were in control of the whole earth.

-Because Adam and Eve sinned, however, they lost control of the earth.

-Is the earth now ruled by angels?

-Yes.

-Satan and his demons who are evil angels now have control of the earth.

-In John 12:31 and John 14:30, the Lord Jesus called Satan the prince of this world.

-Yet, even though Satan is the prince of this world, the Lord Jesus took away the power of Satan by dying on the cross for sin.

-If Satan reads the Bible, he knows that his time on earth as prince is coming to an end.

-Christ will return, will destroy Satan and all evil, and will reign with all Christians in a new heaven and a new earth.

-Even now, although people are a little lower than the angels, Christ has crowned all Christians with glory and honor and has put everything under our feet.

-Even now, although we do not yet see everything, the whole earth will once again be subject to God’s people.

Let’s read Hebrews 2:9

9-But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

-How was the Lord Jesus made lower than the angels?

-He left heaven, and came to earth in the flesh of a human being.

-Where is the Lord Jesus now?

-Although He lives in each Christian through the Holy Spirit, He is also in heaven crowned with glory and honor.

-This is the same for all Christians.

-While we are now lower than angels, we will be raised up into heaven, also to be crowned with glory and honor.

Let's read Hebrews 2:10

10-In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

-Who is the pioneer of our salvation?

-The Lord Jesus.

-As the Lord Jesus is the pioneer or leader of our salvation, we only need to follow Him.

-If the Lord Jesus was already perfect in heaven, how was He made perfect through his suffering?

-Because the Lord Jesus became human and lived on earth with us, He became a perfect sacrifice for us.

-The Lord Jesus was tempted and so are all people.

-The Lord Jesus faced death and so do all people.

-The Lord Jesus was raised from the dead, and so will all who believe in Him.

Let's read Hebrews 2:11-13

11-Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

12-He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; In the assembly I will sing your praises."

13-And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

-Most religions say that we can make ourselves holy by the work that we do.

-Who is the only One who can make us holy?

-Only the Lord Jesus.

-When God spoke with Moses at the burning bush, He told Moses to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground.

-Did Moses make the ground holy by taking off his shoes?

-No.

-People cannot make anything holy.

-What made the ground where Moses was standing holy?

-That God Himself was there.

-Because the Lord Jesus has made all true Christians holy, we are of the same family of God.

-The Lord Jesus is not ashamed of us, and we should never be ashamed of Him.

Let's read Hebrews 2:14-18

14-Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

15-and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

16-For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

17-For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

18-Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

-If we would have no sin, Satan would have no power over us.

-It is our sin that gives Satan his power, and Satan's power over us is death.

-Physical, spiritual, and eternal death.

-Therefore, the Lord Jesus needed to become like us in flesh and blood to destroy the power of Satan.

-By sacrificing Himself and dying for our sin, the Lord Jesus destroyed the power of Satan.

-Since Christ has destroyed the power of death, we should no longer have any fear of death.

-Because of the Lord Jesus' sacrifice, death can no longer touch the Christian.

-Our physical bodies must be renewed as they are born into this world of death, but the spirit of the Christian will not die, nor cannot die.

-Therefore, Christ and Christ alone is our high priest who has brought us back to God by His sacrifice, and understands all of our temptations on this earth.