

HEBREWS: JESUS IS BETTER WEEK 3 NOTES

Hebrews 2:1-4

“We” Need to Pay Attention

I. Pay Attention!

A. The Danger of Drifting v. 1

1. General Information about the “Warning” Passages (2:1-4; 3:7-4:16; 5:11-6:12; 10:19-39; 12:14-29)

a. Two main Interpretations of the main warning passages

> Arminian view: Loss of salvation (Believers)¹

> Calvinist view: Eternal judgement (Unbelievers)

b. Hebrews’ own self-description

> Heb 13:22 “My word of **exhortation**” (παράκλησις²)

2. “We” all need to pay attention!

B. Qal Vachomer vv. 2-3

A. An appeal from a lesser to greater argument.

B. Ex: the wilderness generation; Uzzah, Nadab and Abihu.

C. The Gospel Heritage v. 4

A. Sequence of reception

1. Declared by the **Lord**

2. Attested to us

3. by those who heard

4. **God** also bore witness

II. Analysis and Interpretation with Application

The passages of exhortation are for all people, believing and unbelieving. In this passage we are to not lose our grip and drift away from the Gospel because of our lack of attention to the Word of God. Therefore, remember the Word of God by any means necessary because this is our responsibility as we persevere.

Object lesson: mazuz

¹ The New Testament in its entirety does not allow for the teaching that a true believer in Jesus Christ can forfeit their salvation. NT passages on the Assurance of Salvation based on Christ’s sufficient atonement are: John 1:2, 6:37-40, 10:28-29, 14:16; Rom 4:21, 5:10, 8:1, 8:34-39, 11:29; 1 Cor 1:8, 5:5; 2 Cor 1:21-22, 5:17; Gal 3:3; Eph 1:5, 1:13-14, 2:4-9, 4:30; Phil 1:6; Heb 5:9, 6:19, 7:25, 9:12-15, 10:14, 13:20; 1 Pet 1:3-5, 3:18.

² 1. An act of emboldening another in belief or course of action, *encouragement, exhortation*; 2. Strong request, *appeal, request*; 3. Lifting of another’s spirits, *comfort, consolation*. BDAG

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Hebrews 2:5-18

I. The Messiah is superior to Angels because He is a man.

A. vv. 5-9

1. V.5 “The World to Come”³ : A common phrase in rabbinic literature regarding the golden age of the messiah.
2. The author assumes a messianic age that is ruled by the Son, not angels.

B. V. 6-8 Psalm 8:5-7 (Gen 1&2)

1. “It has been testified somewhere” the Holy Spirit is the author of the OT and NT.
2. V. 7 “made lower” Phil 2:6-11 says it best.
3. “Son of Man”
 - a. Jesus’ favorite title for Himself. Over 80x in the Gospels
 - b. “One like the son of man” Dan 7:13-14
 - c. ὑποτάσσω “in subjection” a military term “to cause to be in a submissive relationship.”⁴
4. V.9 “But we see Him, Jesus”
 - a. Crowned, Honored
 - b. Because of the cross
5. **Interpretation:** Jesus fulfills man’s original destiny through the cruel cross and sufficiently provides an atonement worthy of the Father, who then honors and crowns His Son as the one man to complete life perfectly.

C. vv. 10-18

1. V,10-11

- a. “It was fitting perfect through suffering”
God is light in him is no darkness at all. God’s pure holiness consumes un-holiness. If the demands of God are broken then the justice of God must be met and satisfied. God is love. In His love he himself is compelled to be the one to provide the satisfaction of his own demands. “Thus the writer shows the sweet reasonableness of the cross.”⁵
- b. “Founder” ἀρχηγός should be both(Champion, pioneer)
- c. “made perfect” LXX uses this word in priestly contexts⁶ for personal preparation, such as washing in mikvas and putting on the holy garments, leading to their “perfect” or consecration for service. They have met all the standards God required for this particular role. Thus it was proper for Jesus as the Savior of His brothers to be made a high priest through the cross—to be “made perfect.”

³ Lit: “The inhabited world about to be”

⁴ BDAG

⁵ Steven Ger, *Hebrews: Christ is Greater*. Chattanooga, TN:AMG Publishers, 2009. 63

⁶ Exod. 29:9, 29, 33; Lev 8:33, 21:10

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2. V.12-13
 - a. Psalm 22:22
 - b. Isaiah 8:17 and 8:18
3. V. 14-18 Jesus, the warrior-high priest
 - a. V. 14 Satan the usurper
 - > Satan's use of God's character weapon
 - b. Jesus' invasion through death
 - c. V. 15 Jesus the new Exodus leader
 - d. V. 16 no savior for fallen angels
 - e. vv. 17-18 The God-man High Priest who will run to your cries and help.

II. Analysis and Interpretation with Application

According to Genesis 1&2, man was created in the image of God for the purpose of exercising dominion over God's creation as co-rulers. Yet man failed, lost dominion, which was usurped by Satan who immediately enslaved humanity in fear (of death).⁷

⁷ Possibly man fears breaking God's commands, which Satan accuses him/her of not keeping?