

Pay Close Attention to Jesus (Hebrews 2:1-9)

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(1) Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

(2) For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, (3) how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, (4) while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

(5) For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking.

(6) It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?"

(7) You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor,

(8) putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.

(9) But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Practical Application

1. Pay very close attention to God, His Son Jesus, the Gospel message (good news), and the Word of God revealed in the Bible.
2. Beware of how easy it is to drift/fall away from the truth if you are not vigilant.
3. Breaking the Old Testament law rightly deserved the just punishment of God. To neglect God's law had serious consequences.
4. Therefore, neglecting the even better New Testament Gospel is far worse, and is deserving of greater punishment. To neglect God's gospel has even greater consequences. The Gospel is greater, better, and wonderful.
5. Salvation in Jesus Christ is the greatest gift from God that you can receive. Rejoice in Christ, the Gospel, and your wonderful salvation!
6. The good news of Jesus comes from Him, from eye witnesses, and is confirmed by supernatural signs, wonders, and miracles. Keep spreading the message of Jesus Christ today. Testify to His goodness and grace. Tell others about your great salvation.
7. God gave authority and dominion (rule) over the earth to mankind at the beginning of creation. Mankind lost that dominion (kingship) when they fell into sin. That dominion for humanity is regained in and through Jesus Christ. Trust in Christ and learn to walk in the dominion He has given you.
8. God thinks about you, cares about you, and loves you. Receive and rest in His loving care today.
9. The temporal created order of beings is: God, angels, and mankind.
10. The eternal order of beings is: God, mankind, and angels.
11. At creation humanity was crowned with glory and honor by God Himself. You were created to rule, reign, and have dominion under God.

12. Sin marred the glory and honor that humanity was made to have. Sin brought fear, guilt, and shame. Sin brought traffic loss and defeat.
13. In the beginning, everything was put in subjection under mankind's feet. Humanity was created to walk in authority, freedom, victory, and abundance.
14. The blessing of God is already experienced in the life of the Christian today, but will be fully realized in the New Earth to come. This is what Bible teachers, experts, and scholars call the "already and not yet."
15. The full blessing of God comes to us through Jesus Christ. We already have that full blessing positionally. We experience God's blessing in a fallen world with fallen bodies practically and partially. One day we will experience the fullness of God's blessing forever in a new and restored earth and in a new and resurrected body. The full and final experience of the blessing of God will come when Jesus Christ returns and makes all things new.
16. See Jesus. Look to Jesus. Trust in Jesus. Surrender to Jesus. Joyfully submit to His good and glorious rule and reign.
17. Jesus tasted death so that you might feast forever on life in Him. Jesus defeated death by death. Jesus gives life abundant and life eternal. Jesus is life! Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
18. You can know, experience, and walk in God's grace and power today in Jesus' name.
19. Under King Jesus you can live and walk in the authority He has given you already now, and fully realized in your eternal home and eternal body in the New Heavens and New Earth.
20. Pay close attention to Jesus.

Announcements

- August 25, New Member class: Interested in becoming a member at Hope Mountain? Be sure to let Pastor Deric know. This event happens immediately after morning worship and lunch is provided with your reservation.
- Fall Kickoff and Back to School Party: Sunday, August 18th at 10:30am. With lunch and games after worship.
- Food Pantry Food Drive: During the month of August we will be collecting items to benefit the Hope Mountain Church food pantry. Please bring your items to the back of the sanctuary at any time during the month.
- Wednesday Night Kids Ministry Awana will start back on August 28. We will have a "Meet your teacher" night for Awana on August 21st from 6:30-7:30.
- Fall prayer nights: August 7 and August 14 from 6:30-7:30.
- New Hospitality Coordinator: Nicole Barrero.
- Our Youth Group will start back on Wednesday nights on August 21st.
- All of our Small Groups meet weekly. See our small group guide to find one that is best for you. New Small groups will be starting in August.