

DAILY DEVOTIONS:

Week of Jan 11 – Jan 16, 2021

Hebrews 2:1-10

MONDAY: Read Hebrews 2

Ask Spirit to help you understand the scope of this letter to Hebrew believers & His purpose for them/us thru it
Which comments or truths pique your interest for further study? What questions does this chapter help answer or raise?

TUESDAY: Read Hebrews 2:1-4 & Heb 1:13-14

Ask Spirit to help you understand His partial & progressive revelations thru the OT that build up to Christ
This chapter starts with the word/phrase, “*For this reason...*” or “*Therefore...*” What does this imply? Why does the author say, “we must pay much closer attention” to God’s message of salvation in His Son? Why is this message of greater significance than God’s former message thru angels (10 Commandments on Mt. Sinai)?

WEDNESDAY: Read Hebrews 2:1-4

Ask Spirit to help you understand the fullness of God’s revelation in Jesus Christ & the mission He finished
What does the author compare in v.2-3? What makes this salvation so much greater than the previous message (covenant) God delivered thru angels? What happens when people *gradually drift past* (or slowly move away from) *their moorings in Christ*? Does “*drift away*” mean that believers can lose salvation in Christ? Why not?

THURSDAY: Read Hebrews 2:5-8 & Psalm 8

Ask Spirit to give you divine wisdom in correlating the OT & NT, & this letter’s message to the Hebrews (& us!)
Do you recognize the worship chorus taken from this Psalm? *Sing it out loud a couple of times to the Lord!*
Here’s a great example of how the NT interprets the OT (*Hebrews interprets Psalm 8*) to accurately indicate all things point to Christ! Some translations use plural pronouns = *mankind*, but each should be singular = Christ!

FRIDAY: Read Hebrews 2:5-8 & Philippians 2:5-11

Ask Spirit to help you make significant, personal application of the truths/doctrines presented in this writing
Compare these scripture passages: what themes & language do they share in common? Heb 2:8 says that not all things are subject to Christ yet: to what things is the author referring? When will Christ rule over all things?

SATURDAY: Read Hebrews 2:8-9

Consider sharing with those who have difficulty believing the one-of-a-kind greatness of Jesus Christ as Savior
Why was it important that Jesus “*tasted death for everyone*”? Who now holds the keys to death & hell?
Why was it important that Jesus be the first to be raised from the dead unto Eternal Life?

(Use your own Bible & this New American Standard Translation for comparison & better understanding)

Hebrews 2:1-9 (NAS)

A Warning Against Drifting Away

1) For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away *from it*. 2) For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every violation and act of disobedience received a just punishment, 3) how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, 4) God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders, and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

5) For He did not subject to angels the world to come, about which we are speaking. 6) But someone has testified somewhere, saying, “WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU THINK OF HIM? OR A SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?”

7) “YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR;

8) YOU HAVE PUT EVERYTHING IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET.” For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

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

Psalms 8 (NAS)

1) O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, You who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

2) From the mouths of infants and nursing babies You have established strength because of Your enemies, to do away with the enemy and the revengeful.

3) When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have set in place;

4) What is man that You think of him, And a son of man that You are concerned about him?

5) Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!

6) You have him rule over the works of Your hands; You have put everything under his feet,

7) All sheep and oxen, And also the animals of the field,

8) The birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

9) LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Philippians 2:5-11 (NAS)

5) Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6) who, as He *already* existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7) but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant *and* being born in the likeness of men. 8) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross. 9) For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10) so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11) and *that* every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.