

OUR SALVATION IS PERFECTED ONLY IN JESUS

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Introduction: Hebrews was written primarily to the Jewish Christians who were undergoing persecution and discouragement. The writer strives to strengthen their faith in Christ by carefully the superiorly and finality of God's revelation and redemption in Jesus Christ. (Jn 14:6) He shows that God's redemptive provisions under the old covenant have been fulfilled and made obsolete by Jesus' coming and the establishment of the new covenant through His atoning death.

HEB 2:1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

1. WARNING TO PAY ATTENTION

Pay careful attention to what you have already heard. Don't get slack. Hold on to what you got. Let no one deceive you lest you slip away from the faith. Jewish tradition held that angels were the highest messengers of revelation. They were viewed as special bearers of God's message to his people. Christ is superior to the angels so when He speaks....

The idea here of drifting is a slow and steady so you have to be real careful. Departure from the faith usually comes from slow drifting not a sudden departure.

HEB 2:2-4 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

2. HOLD ON TO YOUR FAITH

Every message delivered by the angels proved true. Every message by God's prophets came to pass. How much more will the message of His only begotten Son holdfast. Don't get it twisted be not deceived God is not mocked. He is not a man. He can no lie!

Look at Deut 28 where for every blessing there was also a cursing. There is no escape if we ignore so great a salvation.

This gospel this good news proclaimed by Jesus himself and confirmed by the Holy Spirit and the apostles. God also gave signs wonders and gifts of the Holy Spirit> (Mark 16:17-18)

HEB 2:5-8

For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying:

**“What is man that You are mindful of him,
Or the son of man that You take care of him?
You have made him a little lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and honor,
And set him over the works of Your hands.
You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”**

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him.

3. JESUS MADE FULLY HUMAN

He who knew no sin became sin that we might become righteous. He took off His Heavenly robe and dressed in filthy rags to redeem our lost souls. What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and grief's to bear. God in times past used angels as messengers but when the ultimate message was needed “God sent His Son they called Him Jesus” For God so loved the world that He gave

The Son so loved that He gave His life. What a mighty God we serve!!

HEB 2:9-10

But now we do not yet see all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings

4. THE PERFECT SACRIFICE

Jesus is the captain – the leader, the advance – of our salvation. This has wonderful implications:

- A captain makes all the arrangements for the march, and Jesus makes all the arrangements for our progress as Christians.**
- A captain gives the commands to the troops – “Go” or “Stay” or “Do this.” Jesus commands us as our captain.**
- A captain leads the way and is an example to his men, and Jesus does this for us.**
- A captain encourages his men, and Jesus encourages us.**
- A captain rewards his troops, and Jesus rewards His followers.**

CONCLUSION:

God gave man dominion over the earth, but man forfeited his power (not his right or authority) to take that dominion through sin, and the principle of death took away the power to rule. But Jesus came and through His humility and suffering He defeated the power of death and made possible the fulfillment of God's promise that

humans will have dominion over the earth – fulfilled both through Jesus' own dominion, and the rule of believers with Him

JESUS SUFFERED BLED AND DIED