

Study Notes and Questions for Hebrews 2 :1-9

Read through the first 9 verses of the chapter. (Don't worry if you can't get through every question.)

- How is “what we have heard” (2:1) related to 1:2?
- How do you or other modern Christians tend to “drift away” from God, or fail to “pay ... careful attention” to what He has said (2:1)?
- What restorative steps or exhortations would you give to someone who has drifted away from God or failed to pay attention to His Word?
- How is each person of the Trinity involved in the delivery and confirmation of the salvation message (see 2:3–4)? (Keep in mind that in the New Testament, “Lord” usually refers to Christ and “God” normally refers to the Father.)
- Hebrews 2:1–4 illustrates the principle that the more light one receives, the more severe the punishment for violating or ignoring that light. Read Matthew 11:20–24 and Luke 12:47–48 and examine how these passages relate to and support this principle.
- What implications does this principle have for your life?
- A rhetorical question is one “to which no answer is expected, or to which only one answer may be made.” Think about this: Is the question in Hebrews 2:2–3 rhetorical? Why or why not?
- In light of all of 1:5–2:4, summarize why these Hebrew Christians were in greater danger if they ignored “so great a salvation” (2:3) than the danger of those who violated the Old Testament Law.
- What happened to the glory, honor, and dominion originally given to mankind (see Genesis 3:1–24)?
- Do you think it's possible for a person to ignore so great a salvation while still saying and thinking that he or she believes in Christ?
- In what ways is mankind “a little lower than the angels” (2:7)?

Note: In Hebrews 2:5–9, the author applies Psalm 8:4–6 to Jesus as a perfect representative man, in whom mankind's restoration to glory and their appointed destiny to rule will ultimately be fully realized. Jesus is, therefore, the forerunner of what all believers will one day become. Take time as a group to praise God for His plan to redeem and restore His people.