

Sunday May 29th 2011
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Five
Study Questions

1). Heb 2:3 *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, 4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?*

- a). In what other ways is the ‘so great a salvation’ described in scripture?
- b). What examples can you think of where the Lord taught about the salvation of the soul?
- c). What were the Disciples/Apostles commissioned to do?
- d). What was the reason for God showing signs, wonders and miracles to Israel?
- e). Was the primary focus of the signs wonders and miracles to alleviate individual suffering?
- f). What question did John the Baptist ask in Luke 7:20 and why did he ask it?
- g). What was the Lord’s response?
- h). What should this have told John?

i). Where else in scripture have we seen a partial fulfillment of prophecy in connection with the Kingdom?

j). How does this example help us to understand what was taking place with the signs, wonders and miracles?

2). Heb 2:5 ¶ *For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.*

a). Exactly what are we being told here?

b). How does this connect with all that which we have previously looked at?

3). Heb 2:6 *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?"*

a). What does this verse tell us about the world to come?

b). The quotation that we find here has its origins in two different scriptures – where was the first place we looked at it?

c). What is significant about the context in which we find this and what NT scripture did we see that speaks to this very thing?

4). Read Psalm 8

a). Ps 8:1 ¶ <<To the Chief Musician. On the instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.>> *O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!* – What would you say is the overall subject of this Psalm?

b). *2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.* – where do we find the first half of this verse quoted elsewhere in scripture?

c). What is significant about the context in which we find it?

d). According to Psalm 8 what is the reason for that recorded about babes and nursing infants?

e). *5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,* - What do we learn from v5?

f). Where does v6 take us to?

5). Heb 2:8 *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. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.*

a). What commentary does the second sentence of v8 here give us on what is quoted from the Psalm?

b). What does the final sentence of this verse teach us?

6). Heb 2:9 *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.*

a). If we don't yet see all things in subjection to Man, who do we see?

b). Why do you think this statement might be significant within the letter's historical context?

c). What does the first part of v9 tell us about Jesus and how should we understand it?

d). What is the stated reason for Him being made 'a little lower than the angels'?

e). What 2 aspects of Christ's purpose are presented here?

f). What scriptures did we look at that confirm this?

7). Heb 2:10 ¶ *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.*

- a). What does it mean that 'it was fitting'?
 - b). What are we told in the phrase 'in bringing many sons to glory'?
 - c). How should we understand the word 'captain'?
 - d). How was Christ made 'perfect through sufferings'?
 - e). How does this connect with Hebrews 2:9?
 - f). What would this mean for the other 'sons' who are to be brought to glory?
 - g). What scriptures do we have for this?
- 8). What does all of this say to you?