

Sunday May 15th 2011
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Three
Study Questions

1). Heb 1:13 *But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

a). What is the final statement made in Chapter 1 concerning angels?

b). In what other ways are ‘those who will inherit salvation’ referred to in Hebrews and how are they depicted elsewhere in the scriptures?

c). What is the context in which this final statement of Chapter 1 is made?

d). How is this context presented in Chapter 1?

e). In what way could we summarize the content of Chapter 1?

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

a). How should we understand the word ‘therefore’ at the beginning of Chapter 2?

b). What is the admonition and what is the warning in this first verse?

c). What is the reason why we should do these things?

- d). What other scripture from Hebrews gives the exact same idea as giving ‘the more earnest heed’?
- e). What does this scripture admonish us to do?
- f). What would it mean to ‘look unto Jesus’?
- g). What would it mean ‘to give the more earnest heed’?
- h). What is the example given to us in Hebrews Chapter 12 that shows us how this is to be done?
- i). What does it mean to ‘drift away’?
- j). Read Luke 9:59-62 – how do you understand this scripture in the light of drifting away and looking unto Jesus?
- k). If Luke 9:59-62 presents the negative side of this read Hebrews 6:17-20 and say why this is an encouragement to us.

3). Heb 2:2 *For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation,*

- a). What is ‘the word spoken through angels’ a reference to?
- b). Where do we see this in the OT?
- c). Where else do we see confirmation for it in the NT?

d). What other examples in scripture can you remember when the actions of angels are seen as the actions of God Himself?

e). What scripture do we have that would demonstrate the significance of this reference for us?

f). What does Hebrews 2:2 tell us about this word spoken through angels?

g). How should we understand 'every disobedience and transgression'?

h). What does it mean to receive a 'just reward'?

i). On what basis did God administer this 'just reward'?

j). So where do we see the dual aspect of God's word with regards to Israel's 'just reward' laid out for us in scripture?

k). What did God promise the nation for their obedience?

l). What did He promise them for their disobedience?

m). Who was responsible for that which the nation received?

n). What NT scripture describes this process?

o). Give a brief outline from Israel's history of God administering a 'just reward'?

p). If we look at this in the light of 1 Corinthians 10 what might we learn from it?

q). What scriptures did we look at a second time this week that further substantiates this?

- r). What does all this mean to you personally?
- s). Will God ever act outside of His word?
- t). Will God ever fail to act on His word?
- u). ‘How shall we escape...?’ – Escape what?
- v). Given all we have just looked at, what is the answer to the question, ‘how shall we escape...?’
- w). What scriptural examples do we have that would prophetically confirm our answer above?

4). Heb 3:10 *Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'*

- a). According to Hebrews Chapter 3 what is the underlying reason for Israel drifting away from the things they had heard?
- b). What would it look like for this very same thing to happen in the life of a Kingdom seeking Christian?
- c). Can you think of any scriptures that show any of these things?

5). How is it possible for us to make sure we give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard?

- a). What seems to be David’s attitude to this in Psalm 119?

