

HEBREWS 2

September 15-16, 2021



1. Consider the phrase “drift away” and write down some descriptions or definitions. What do you visualize when you think of this phrase?
2. Begin by looking back at Hebrews 1:2-4 and 8 and list the characteristics of Jesus.

Considering these characteristics, what is the warning expressed in Hebrews 2:1?

3. Read Hebrews 2:1-4, which describes the validity of the earlier message of the Law and the validity of the present message, the gospel of salvation. From verses 3 and 4, list the things that give credibility to the gospel of salvation.

Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6 and summarize the message of salvation.

In your opinion, what dangerous outcomes occur when we drift from this message?

4. Read Hebrews 2:5-9. Verses 6-8 are describing Jesus the Messiah. How is Jesus described in relation to angels in verse 7a?

Refer to Philippians 2:5-8 and record how Jesus was made lower.

The author of Hebrews now makes a case for the humanity of Jesus. Read Hebrews 2:9 and note the purpose of Jesus becoming human and experiencing death.

What additional thoughts are found in Galatians 4:4-5 and Colossians 2:13-14?

5. Jesus' humiliation occurred in the past. From Hebrews 2:7-9, list the ways Jesus is presently elevated.

6. Hebrews 2:10 shows that God brought us glory and salvation through the suffering of Jesus. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 and explain how this is true.

7. What thoughts and emotions come to mind when you think of a healthy family?

Read Hebrews 2:11-13 for a description of the sanctified family of God. Jesus is not ashamed to come alongside us in this family. What examples does Jesus give us as members of God's family in verses 12 and 13?

What has it meant in your life to be surrounded by others who walk closely with God?

8. Take some time to prayerfully consider the greatness of Jesus and our wonderful new connection to Him. In what ways have you drifted away, or failed to take full advantage of your relationship to Him?

What steps can you take to live more fully in this reality?

9. Read Hebrews 2:14-18. According to verse 14, what did Jesus accomplish by taking on flesh and blood?

What did He accomplish in Hebrews 2:15? Also read Colossians 1:13.

What role does He now have in our lives, according to Hebrews 2:17?

What words describe our High Priest? How does this encourage you?

10. Reflect on Jesus' life and death on earth, and record some of the temptations, trials and humiliations He suffered.

Have there been trials and temptations in your past that you did not take to Jesus in prayer? How does Jesus' life in flesh and blood, as your brother, affect your willingness to take all things to Him?

11. Jesus' life on earth perfectly equipped Him to be our High Priest today. Read the following verses and note all that is available to us through His present priestly role.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 7:25

12. If you drifted away from all the truths about Jesus' past atoning work, Jesus' present High Priestly ministry to us, and Jesus' future reign, what would be the impact on your life?

What will you do to hold fast to so great a message of salvation?

13. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

Superior To All Others

Hebrews 2:1-18

The First Warning: Pay attention. Don't _____ away. Don't neglect salvation. 2:1-4

The danger is not of losing salvation but of failing to experience the abundant life available to us now and the eternal rewards available in the future.

THE SUPREME MESSAGE

- The message was delivered in person by Jesus, the Son of God.
- The message was preached consistently by every apostle.
- The message was authenticated directly by God through miracles and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

THE SUPREME DESTINY AND TRIUMPH

2:5-9

- Jesus willingly became more frail and vulnerable than angels to suffer and die in our place.
- Jesus is _____ seated at the right hand of God, ruling the hearts and lives of His followers.
- One day, all things will be subject to His reign and rule.

Deliberately and intentionally focus your mind on Jesus, the victorious King!
Submit to the One who tasted death in your place and let Him reign as King in your life.

THE SUPREME SOLIDARITY AND UNION WITH MANKIND

2:10-16

- Through physical suffering, Jesus perfectly fulfills His purpose, making us children of God and making Jesus our brother.
- Through physical death, Jesus renders Satan powerless to separate us from God.
- By giving us His Spirit, Jesus delivers us from slavery to sin.

THE SUPREME HIGH PRIEST AND ADVOCATE

2:17-18

- Jesus successfully fulfilled the role of the Old Testament high priest.
- Jesus serves as our High Priest today, _____ toward our need because He understands our temptation.
- Jesus acts as our advocate, satisfying the _____ of God with His own sacrifice.

DON'T DRIFT FROM THE MESSAGE

- Jesus came to make us holy. Stay anchored to Him now as He continually sanctifies your life.
- Jesus already won the battle. Stay anchored to Him now and fight sin with His power.
- Jesus experienced suffering. Stay anchored to Him now and receive mercy and comfort.
- Jesus is King! Worship Him now and look forward to His eternal reign.

Greater > Than – Hebrews 2:1-18

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COLOSSIANS 1:21-22 And you . . . he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

HEBREWS 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

COLOSSIANS 1:13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

ROMANS 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.