

Study Four
But We See Jesus

Hebrews 2: 9

Review:

Christ Is Superior To Angels (Heb. 1:4-14)

1. He Is the Son (v. 4-5)
2. He Is the First-begotten (*firstborn*) Who Receives Worship (v. 6)
3. He Is Served by the Angels (v. 7)
4. He Is God Enthroned and Anointed (vv. 8 - 9)
5. He Is the Eternal Creator (vv. 10-12)
6. Christ Is the Sovereign; Angels Are the Servants (vv. 13 -14)

Reproof:

Heed The Word And Don't Drift (Heb. 2: 1-4)

This is the first of the five warnings found in Hebrews (also 3:7-4:13; 5:11-6:20; 10:26-39; 12:14-29). Their purpose is to encourage all readers to pay attention to God's Word and obey it. The admonition is written to believers, for the writer includes himself when he writes "we." The danger here is that of *neglecting our salvation*.

Heb. 2:1 "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." The phrase "let them slip" carries the idea of "drifting away from." Drifting is a very subtle action that begins slowly, quietly, and attractively. Drifting is simply motion without feeling.

The effects of drifting often have an outcome quite opposite of what was expected.

- **Lot drifted** toward the prosperity of Sodom, but oh, what it cost him.
- **Achan drifted** toward the possessions of Jericho, but oh, how empty handed it left him.
- **Solomon drifted** toward the pleasure of women, but oh, how sad his latter days would be.

During the Old Testament days, people who did not heed the Word were sometimes punished. That Word was given through angels, so how much greater responsibility do we have today who have received the Word from the Son of God

Too many Christians today take the Word of God for granted and neglect it. In my pastoral ministry, I have discovered that neglect of the Word of God and prayer, publicly and privately, is the cause of most "spiritual drifting." Our salvation is a "great salvation," purchased at a great price. It brings with it great promises and blessings, and it leads to a great inheritance in glory. How can we neglect it?

Reason:

Why Jesus Christ Is Not Inferior Because Of His Humanity (Heb. 2:5-18)

1. His Humanity Enabled Him to Regain Man's Lost Dominion (vv. 5-9)
2. His Humanity Enabled Him to Bring Many Sons to Glory (vv. 10-13)
3. His Humanity Enabled Him to Deliver Us from Death (vv. 14-16)
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