

LESSON 3 OUTLINE FOR HEBREWS 2:1-9

- I. Structure of passage
 - A. 2:1-4 Exhortation to pay greatest attention to our great salvation
 - B. 2:5-8 Man's already/not yet status
 - C. 2:9 The Son becomes man, Jesus, and tastes death for all
- II. 2:1-4 Pay closest attention lest you drift
 - A. First of several warning passages in Hebrews about unbelief/disobedience
 - B. "For this reason"- reminds them of the identity/actions of the Son
 - C. Contrast between the two revelations
 - 1. Word spoken through angels- legal language points to justice
 - 2. Great salvation spoken through the Lord- first use of that title
 - a. Spoken through the Lord
 - b. Confirmed by God through miracles, and
 - c. Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- III. 2:5-8
 - A. Theme of angels continues with introduction of "man"
 - 1. The "world to come"- same word for "world" as 1:6 but now clarified as future
 - 2. It is not subjected to angels but to man
 - B. What is man- quotation from Psalm 8
 - 1. Hierarchy: God and the Son are equal and infinitely greater than angels, while man is made a little lower than angels
 - 2. v. 6-8A "Man" singular versus angels plural could indicate that passage refers to Adam the first man vs last Adam Jesus in v. 9
 - a. He was given glory and honor and dominion over creation

C. "But now" in v. 8B

1. Signals the consequences of the fall- already/not yet state of man
2. Contrast between current and past glory and total fulfillment in the future

IV. 2:9

A. "But we do see" indicates a contrast between the current state and the solution

1. The answer is a person- Jesus!
2. First time His name is used- it means "YHWH is salvation"
3. He is made for a little while lower than the angels- He is fully man

B. "Because of the suffering of death"

1. The only answer to the first Adam's rebellion is the obedient suffering of the curse on mankind by the perfect Son of God, Jesus
2. Introduces the pattern of suffering preceding glory which the readers will also experience

C. "By the grace of God"

1. The word spoken through angels (Law) was necessary to define the problem of sin and make grace meaningful
2. Tasted death- not like a small taste, but indicates experiencing it

V. IMPLICATIONS