

LESSON 2

CHRIST, SUPERIOR TO THE PROPHETS AND THE ANGELS (PART 2)

This section is the first of five exhortations in Hebrews warning against sins that range from drifting all the way to defying God's Word (12:14–29). The author set out to give “a word of exhortation” (13:22), and he kept to that purpose.

CHRIST, MAN'S SAVIOR, SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS (2:1–18)

Verses 1 through 4 are often viewed as a parenthesis. Beginning with verse 5, this treatise-epistle turns to mankind's lowly position and how Christ joined us by entering into human status. The author exhorted that since we have received greater blessings through a Lawgiver far superior to angels, who mediated the old law, more is expected of us. The principle is the same one Jesus taught; that is, where much is given, much is required.

1. What are the implications of not paying “much closer attention to what we have heard”?
2. What are the two ways of sinning?
3. Is God's punishment of sins less severe under the new covenant than under the old?
4. How are some people still lost even if they are not defiantly rejecting Christ?
5. Why were “those who heard” (v. 3) so essential to the beginning of the church?
6. What is meant by the phrase “Son of man” (v. 6)?

7. What is the one thing over which man will never have control?
8. What should be your response to understanding that Jesus became human, knowing full well that He would suffer and die?
9. Explain the meaning of the statement “it was fitting for Him” (v. 10).
10. What happens to us when we are sanctified?
11. What are the implications of Jesus’ singing “in the midst of the church” (v. 12; KJV)?
12. What is the historical context of the reference to Jesus’ “children” in verse 13?
13. What is Docetism, and why is it heretical?
14. How did Jesus’ death on the cross affect Satan?
15. What should a Christian’s attitude toward death be?
16. List some ways Jesus suffered just as we do.
17. How has the Old Testament idea of propitiation, or atonement, become realized through Jesus in the New Testament?