

In Every Way Jesus Is Superior:

Pay Careful Attention

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What did God promise to Abraham? (Genesis 12)

Hebrews 2:17 Jesus *“had to be made like his brothers in every way..”*

Questions for discussion and application

- Read Hebrews 2:1-4. What is the warning given? What’s the big deal? What does it mean to “pay careful attention” and what’s at stake if we don’t?
- Hebrews 2:5-9 begins to describe this great salvation in more detail. Why was Jesus made “a little lower than the angels”? What does that have to do with “this great salvation”? Why do you think Psalm 8:4-6 is mentioned?
- Read Hebrews 2:9. How might this verse help us face pain, sorrow, sickness and death?
- Hebrews 2:10-13 mentions Jesus was “made perfect through suffering”. How can that be if Jesus was without sin? What’s this section all about?
- What does it mean when it says Jesus is “the author” of our salvation? What does it tell you about Jesus?
- According to Hebrews 2:14-18 Why did Jesus “share in our humanity” and “have to be made like his brothers in every way?” There are several reasons!
- What happens when we neglect something? Think of the yard or your health. What’s the cause of neglect (usually)?
- In order not to “drift away” we must *pay careful attention* and not ignore (neglect) this great salvation. What do you plan to do in response to this warning?

Hebrews 2:1-18

1. Pay careful attention! (Hebrews 2:1-4)

Galatians 3:19; Acts 7:38

This salvation was

- Announced by Jesus
- Confirmed to us by those who heard
- God testified to it

“Drifting” provides a powerful image for the spiritual state the author is warning about.

“Pay careful attention” = “more and more” “earnest” “exceedingly and abundantly” attention!

SINCE Jesus is superior in every way
THEN his message is superior.

2. Jesus was made lower than angels (Hebrews 2:5-9)

Psalm 8:4-6

3. Jesus was made perfect (Hebrews 2:10-13)

Author had a range of meanings used by ancient authors. Founder, hero, captain, leader, pioneer, champion.

Perfect = “to bring to completion” “to be fully prepared”
“reach the goal / end”

Hebrews 2:12-13

Note: Author of Hebrews backs up what he says with three verses: Psalm 22:22; Isaiah 8:17, Isaiah 8:18. They have everything to do with the family of God expressing trust and reliance on God.

4. Jesus was made like his brothers (Hebrews 2:14-18)