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## Hebrews 2:1-18

**Topic:** This is one of the most neglected books of the bible. It seems to be a book that is hard to understand. We don't know who the author is, but we do know it was written for the instruction of the temple before 70 A.D. It is to the Jews what the book of Romans is to the Gentiles. Hebrews tells of sacrifices and rituals and exalts the sovereignty of Christ. It tells his relation to Moses and Abraham and all those people. This is why the Book of Hebrews is so great.

**Vs1: Therefore** means what the author is getting ready to say is built upon what was just previously said. Because Christ is who He is, the beginning and the last, who laid the foundation of the earth, and made the heavens with His own hands, we need to pay attention here to what is being said. Because of Christ and His coming rulership, we should pay close attention. This is a few yrs before 70 AD, before the temple was destroyed. We should pay close attention to what was recently said about Christ and remember it – don't forget it. You don't want to miss the boat like a boat slips from its mooring.

**Vs2:** if you put so much stock in what angels say, like the prophesies they relayed in the Old Testament to Moses, the word of salvation and the rejection of it

**Vs3:** if you think about all that in the past, look what's going on today. People are performing miracles and confirming that Jesus is who He says He is.

**Vs4:** not just the testimony of these people is important but he confirmed what Christ was saying with miracles and signs. Signs and miracles before 100 AD were used as credentials to prove they were of God. But the gift of miracles is given by the will of God alone, not by man's will, and for His glory, not for the amusement of people. They did not have the written bible at that time, so God gave certain people the ability to perform miracles once in a while to prove He was communicating with us.

**Vs5:** Christ will take care of that, not the angels.

**Vs6:** this is a quote of the 8<sup>th</sup> psalm here.

**Vs7:** This means the position of Christ is a little lower than the angels when He came down here as a man. So in physical position in the universe Christ was under the angels while He was in human form here on Earth.

**Vs8:** Even though Christ is physically lower than the angels in the form of man, everything in the universe is still put under His subjection in the future. May 13, 1948 Israel became a nation again after years of gentile rule. It says here Jesus does not have everything put under Him yet. Almost 2000 years later we are still waiting for Him to take the top position.

**Vs9:** for a short time, Jesus was made lower than the angels that He should, by the grace of God, taste death for every man. This right here is the whole plan of salvation. If you have no other verse in the bible, this is the one right here.

**Vs10:** Jesus came to bring children of God into the fellowship. This is the whole reason Jesus came here, to save and gather the Children of God. If Christ had not come here and died for our salvation, we would have no salvation. Life would be cruel and hopeless. Satan has developed more roads out there telling you that you can get to heaven any which way to throw us off track.

**Vs11:** "sanctify" means it has been set aside for God's use. Christ is not ashamed to call any saved person His brother.

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**Vs12:** did you realize that when you claimed Jesus Christ as your personal savior that one day He will sing your name and sing your praises before the whole group in church? That's how wonderful He is. He will honor you before all the brethren.

**Vs13-14:** Jesus will nullify the power of death. In order to accomplish the plan of salvation, Jesus had to come back, suffer, and die just like us human beings. No angel has ever done that. By one person doing that, he has conquered death for all who accept Him as their savior.

**Vs15:** The Jewish concept of death was this: they walked around in miserable fear of death because they thought Satan had control over death. They were in bondage of fear.

**Vs16:** Jesus took on the seed of Abraham, not the angels. He took on the appearance of man.

**Vs17:** Christ understands everything that we go through in our suffering. He was tempted with all that we're tempted with; He had all the problems that we have. The difference is that sometimes we give in, and He never did. He can say, "been there, been through it, I know what its like" and speak the truth.

**V18:** Jesus came here, went through what we go through, and He can sit up there as high priest and relate to us. He came for our salvation, not any angels.