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**Mission 119 Ministries**

**VERSES THAT DON'T UNDERMINE  
ETERNAL SECURITY**

**EPISODE 1: HEBREWS WARNING PASSAGES**

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# **SERIES GOALS**

- **Short, focused lessons**
  - **Address verses that some say undermine eternal security**
  - **No they do not!**
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# ETERNAL SECURITY

- **Church has a long history of rejecting eternal security**
  - **But numerous verses appeal to confirm eternal security**
    - **The many references in the Gospels to eternal life**
    - **Explicit texts like Romans 6:5 and Ephesians 2:4-7**
    - **Romans 6:5 For if we have been joined with Him in the likeness of His death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of His resurrection.**
    - **Eph. 2:4-7 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, made us alive with the Messiah even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! Together with Christ Jesus He also raised us up and seated us in the heavens, so that in the coming ages He might display the immeasurable riches of His grace through His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.**
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## **VERSES THAT DON'T UNDERMINE ETERNAL SECURITY**

- **A number of verses are commonly cited as undermining eternal security**
  - **Matthew 7:21-23, 24:13, 25:1-13 and 14-30; Mark 3:28-30; Luke 8:13, 9:62, 12:42-48; John 15:6; Acts 4:32, 5:1-11, 8:9-24, 20:17, 20:28-30; Romans 11:13-23; 1 Corinthians 9:26-27, 10:1-12; Galatians 5:4, 19-21, 6:1; 1 Timothy 1:18-20, 4:1, 5:8, 6:10; Hebrews 2:1-4, 3:12, 4:1-2, 11, 6:4-8, 10:26-31, 38-39; James 5:19-20; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 2:1, 20-22, 3:17; 2 John 8-9; Revelation 2:4-5, 3:5, 3:16-17**
  - **KEY: defining words correctly & context**
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# WHICH SALVATION?

- **Heb. 2:1** We must, therefore, pay even more attention to what we have heard, so that we will not drift away. **2** For if the message spoken through angels was legally binding and every transgression and disobedience received a just punishment, **3** how will we escape if we neglect such a great **salvation**? It was first spoken by the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.
  - Over 50% of the time in the NT, salvation, save, saved, etc., is not in reference to eternal salvation
  - Delivered from penalty of sin (Acts 16:30-31), illness (Mark 5:25-34), sleep (John 11:12), temporal judgment (Acts 2:40), Egypt (Acts 7:25), drowning (Acts 27:20, 31), prison (Phil. 1:19)
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# LOOKING AT HEBREWS 2:1-4

- **Probably the most challenging NT book**
  - **Demonstrates why context, structure, author's main argument, and defining words is critical**
  - **Heb. 1:1** Long ago God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways. **2** In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through Him. **3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. **4** So He became higher in rank than the angels, just as the name He inherited is superior to theirs.
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# KINGDOM?

- **Heb. 1:5** For to which of the angels did He ever say, **You are My Son; today I have become Your Father,** or again, **I will be His Father, and He will be My Son?**
  - Quotes Psalm 2:7, fulfilled at the resurrection according to Acts 13:30-33
  - God raised Jesus and calls him “Son” making him heir of the world (Psalm 2:8)
  - Quotes from 2 Samuel 7:14, words to David not an angel
  - But these words refer to a future son, a king with a kingdom, 2 Samuel 7:12-17
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# KINGDOM?

- **Heb. 1:6** When He again brings His firstborn into the world, He says, **And all God's angels must worship Him.**
  - Quotes from Deuteronomy 32:43 in the LXX: Rejoice, you nations, concerning His people, **and let all God's angels worship Him**, for he will avenge the blood of His servants; He will take vengeance on His adversaries, He will purify His land and His people.
  - "firstborn" is a legal term, see Psalm 89:27
  - Looks to the Second Advent and Jesus avenging Israel's enemies
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# CREATOR

- **Heb. 1:7** And about the angels He says:  
**He makes His angels winds,  
and His servants a fiery flame,**
  - Quotes Psalm 104:4
  - The angels are servants of the creator, and the author of Hebrews understands the Son as creator
  - Then in the next verse the Father speaks of the Son
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# KINGDOM?

- **Heb. 1:8** But to the Son:  
**Your throne, God,  
is forever and ever,  
and the scepter of Your kingdom  
is a scepter of justice.**
  - 9 You have loved righteousness  
and hated lawlessness;  
this is why God, Your God,  
has anointed You  
with the oil of joy  
rather than Your companions.**
  - Quotes Psalm 45:6-7, looks to Second Advent and the Kingdom
  - “companion” (metachoi) mutual sharers, recurs in 1:9, 3:1, 14, 6:4, 12:8
  - We are the companions / sons and daughters of 2:10-11
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# KINGDOM?

➤ **Heb. 1:10** And:

**In the beginning, Lord,  
You established the earth,  
and the heavens are the works of Your hands;  
11 they will perish, but You remain.  
They will all wear out like clothing;  
12 You will roll them up like a cloak,  
and they will be changed like a robe.  
But You are the same,  
and Your years will never end.**

- Quotes Psalm 102:25-27, speaks to the Son as creator
  - Son has attribute of eternality
  - Son will retire the old creation and by implication make a new one
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# KINGDOM?

➤ **Heb. 1:13** Now to which of the angels has He ever said:

**Sit at My right hand  
until I make Your enemies  
Your footstool?**

➤ Quotes Psalm 110:1

➤ Father speaks to the Son of the coming kingdom; see Matthew 22:42-46

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# KINGDOM AND WORLD TO COME

- **Heb. 1:14** Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve those who are going to inherit salvation?
  - Angels serve believers, and Jesus is above his companions (metachoi), thus above the angels
  - “going to inherit salvation” does not speak of the present but the future, not justification but something to come
  - What is in view is our participation in the kingdom
  - **Heb. 9:28** so also the Messiah, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.
  - **1 Pet. 1:5** You are being protected by God’s power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.
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# KINGDOM AND WORLD TO COME

➤ **Heb. 1:14** Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve those who are going to inherit salvation? **2:1** We must, therefore, pay even more attention to what we have heard, so that we will not drift away. **2** For if the message spoken through angels was legally binding and every transgression and disobedience received a just punishment, **3** how will we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was first spoken by the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him. **4** At the same time, God also testified by signs and wonders, various miracles, and distributions of gifts from the Holy Spirit according to His will. **5** For He has not subjected to angels **the world to come** that we are talking about.

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# LOOKING AT HEBREWS 2:1-4

- This “warning passage” DOES NOT WARN about a possible loss of eternal salvation
  - It does warn about consequences in the kingdom for how we live now
  - The specific context is persecuted Jewish believers turning back to the old system to avoid persecution
  - Context matters.
  - Words matter.
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