

# Hebrews Lesson 11

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***“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.”*** (Heb 2:1)

*Things alter for the worse spontaneously if they do not alter for the better designedly.*

This lesson will stress the importance of maintaining your Christian walk and not letting spiritual things slip.

## **CAUSES FOR SPIRITUAL NEGLECT:**

### **1. A SHALLOW WORK AT THE BEGINNING**

- Feelings were stirred, but the conscience never awakened to convict a person of sin.
- This is the shallow ground that Jesus spoke of (Mark 4:5-6).
- There was no godly sorrow to work repentance (2 Cor. 7:10).

### **2. LACK OF CHASTENING**

- God’s children are chastened (Heb 12:6). Without chastening, you will let the truth slip away.

### **3. PROSPERITY IN THIS WORLD**

- Those who have everything they want often see no need for God.
- Psalm 73:12, Proverbs 1:32, Job 22:17, James 2:5

### **4. INATTENTION TO GOD’S WARNINGS**

- Ignoring preaching, gospel tracts, etc. They’ll have no excuse on reckoning day.
- Proverbs 29:1, 1 Kings 13:20-24.

### **5. BLINDNESS TO ONE’S TRUE SPIRITUAL STATE**

- Their religion has convinced them that they’re “good enough.” They believe they are saved.
- Liberals have convinced them that being sincere is all that’s important.

### **6. CONFORMITY TO SURROUNDING INDIFFERENCE**

- Peer pressure from ungodly friends often keeps people from Christ. (Eph. 2:2).
- Adapting to surroundings causes people to slip away (Lot in Sodom).
- Society allows a little bit of sinful activity (in the theaters, on the TV, in the schools, etc.) and people get used to it over time.
  - When people do what society approves of, they no longer see themselves as sinners.
  - It isn’t hard to let righteousness slip in today’s corrupt society.

### **7. KEEPING HOLD OF SOME DARLING SIN**

- Unwilling to give up a sinful relationship.
- Loving a vice more than the Savior (drinking, drugs, sins of the flesh, illegal or immoral job etc.).
- People would rather keep the pet sin that is destroying their life than to come to Jesus.

## HEBREWS CHAPTER 2 Continued:

**Vs 5** Angels will not be in charge of the “**world to come.**”

- Jesus Christ will be the One ruling in the future day. Angels will be subject to Him, as will everything else.
  - We will be “**equal unto the angels**” (Luke 20:34-36) in that day, and also in subjection to Jesus Christ.
    - Note: this passage in Luke refutes the Mormon teaching that men will attain godhood. We will be no higher than an angel. Angels have not attained deity.

**Vs 6** “**But one in a certain place testified...**” the prophets are not identified in the book of Hebrews. Rather, the writer of Hebrews emphasizes that God is the author of those quotations from the prophets. God spake (Heb 1:1) by the prophets.

- Verse 6 is a quote from Psalm 8:4-6.

“**What is man, that thou art mindful of him?**” The writer is amazed that God would even set his thoughts on man.

“**Or the son of man, that thou visitest him?**” God walked among men for 33 ½ years (1 Tim 3:16).

Job 7:17, “**What is man, that thou shouldst magnify him?**” God chose to make mankind more important than any of His other creations (animals, angels, Lucifer, etc.), not because we deserve it, but because of His great love (Rom. 5:8).

**7-8** God made man “**a little lower than the angels.**”

- This verse is often misread as being a reference to Jesus Christ. But man is still the subject here.

God crowned man “**with glory and honour.**” This is a reference to Adam before the fall when God “**didst set him over the works of thy hands.**” Man was in charge from the day of his creation.

God “**put all things in subjection under his (man’s) feet.**” Most bible cross-references incorrectly direct you to Jesus Christ.

- Christ will restore what the first Adam lost, but this verse is a reference to man in his innocence.

“**But now we see not yet all things put under him.**” God became a man so He could recover what Adam lost. As a man, Christ could restore the fallen race.

“**Not yet.**” The importance of rightly dividing:

- **Matthew 28:18** Jesus has all power in heaven and in earth.
- **Revelation 11:15-17** In the middle of the Tribulation period, the kingdoms of this world become the Lord’s.
  - This is proof that Hebrews was not written to Hebrews in the Tribulation period. Heb. 2:8 says, “Not yet.” In the Tribulation, all things are put under man because Christ has restored the natural order in the earth as they were before the fall.

**Vs 9** Jesus was “**made a little lower than the angels**” (a body was prepared for Him, Heb. 10:5) “**for the suffering of death**” (the purpose of His coming) “**crowned with glory and honour.**” That is Christ on His throne in heaven today. This is the Christ in view in the book of Hebrews.