

Hebrews Lesson 9

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What does Hebrews say about salvation?

- 1:14** We “**shall be heirs of salvation.**” (Future tense).
- 2:3** We can “**neglect so great salvation.**”
- 2:10** Jesus became the captain of our salvation through sufferings.
- 5:9** Jesus is the “**author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.**”
- 6:9** There are “**things that accompany salvation.**”
- 7:25** Christ “**ever liveth to make intercession**” for them “**that come unto God by him.**”
- 9:28** There is a future salvation when Christ appears the second time.

“Salvation” in Hebrews is not limited to sins forgiven and eternal life with the Lord (as you find in the other epistles). In Hebrews salvation speaks of everything that Jesus has for the believer at the end of the journey:

- Relief, rest, deliverance from the struggles and trials of living in a sinful body of flesh.
- Saved from the battles that accompany the old nature.
- Saved from disappointment and discouragement that comes from failing our Lord.

10:10, 14, 23, 25, 26, 29, 35, 36, 38 These verses reveal the many ways in which it is possible for a Christian to fail:

- we can give up our profession of faith, forsake assembling with other believers, sin willfully, do something worthy of punishment, lack confidence and patience, and draw back.
- Galatians, Romans, Ephesians: speak of what Jesus accomplished at Calvary for us.
- Corinthians, Timothy, Titus: instruct the believer to do right.
- Hebrews: shows how Jesus’ present ministry in heaven enables us to live the way we should.

CHAPTER 1 REVIEW

- 1** God spoke to man in many different ways.
- 2** Today God speaks to us by His Son. God appointed Him heir of all things. Jesus is the Creator.
- 3** Jesus Christ is God made visible. He holds all things together. He purged our sins by His sacrifice. That is why He (our High Priest) is able to sit down. No more sacrifices are necessary.
- 4-5** Jesus was made better than the angels, meaning He was given a superior position (the meaning of begotten).
 - Ephesians 1:18-20, Jesus is in the place of power now.
 - Philippians 2:9-11, it is a place of honor.
 - Romans 8:26, 34, He makes intercession for us today.
 - Colossians 3:1-2, Though we walk down here on Earth in all our weakness, we depend upon the Savior who has power to help us with our walk.
- 6** Jesus was the firstbegotten before He came into the world. He is worshipped by angels, and therefore superior to them.
- 7** The ministering angels belong to the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 8 God the Father addresses Jesus as “O God.” He is a righteous King.
- 9 Jesus loves righteousness and hates iniquity. We struggle to do that. “**God, even thy God**” has Christ’s humanity in view. Our Lord is a God of gladness and joy.
- 10-12 Christ created the heavens and the earth. They shall perish, but Christ will always be the same (Mal 3:6, Heb 13:6). As a vesture (article of clothing), the Lord will fold up His creation and change it.
- 13-14 Angels are sent by the Lord to “**minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.**”
- They are not guardian angels, protecting every child from harm.
 - They are not helping the “elect” Calvinists endure to the end.
 - The “**salvation**” in verse 14 does not refer to the eternal life we received (past tense) when we put our faith in Jesus Christ. It refers to the believer’s eternal inheritance which we shall (future) receive as heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. This agrees with the context.
 - Christ is better than angels, but angels help us (future heirs) out along the way.
 - Considering this, we should worship Christ, not the angels who are sent by Him to minister for us.

Ministering angels:

- Acts 1:10-11 Angels comforted those who watched Jesus ascend to heaven.
- Acts 5:18-20 Angels released the apostles from prison and instructed them to speak in the temple.
- Acts 8:26 An angel instructed Philip to go to the desert to speak to the Ethiopian eunuch.
- Acts 10:3-7 An angel instructed Cornelius to go find Peter to learn the truth of the gospel.
- Acts 12:7-10 Peter was set free from prison by angels.
- Acts 12:21-23 An angel ministered to the people by smiting Herod for not giving God the glory.
- Acts 27:23 An angel assured Paul of deliverance from danger.

Our future salvation:

Romans 5:8-10, we “**shall be saved by his life.**”

- Past: God saved me, forgave all my sins, and gave me eternal life.
- Present: God saves me by keeping me from evil and from sin.
- Future: God delivers me from all of sin’s influence and sin’s opportunity to work in my life.

“**Salvation**” in the book of Hebrews most often speaks of our present salvation or our future salvation.

- Angels minister to saved people who are also “being saved” and who “shall be” saved.
- Hebrew people tended to worship angels. God says, don’t worship the servants that I sent to minister, worship Christ who is better than the angels by far.