

## Hebrews

### (Lesson 4)

#### Introduction:

1. "The superiority of Christ" is the main theme of Hebrews.
2. "The superiority of Christ as God's spokesman" is the subject addressed in the first section of Hebrews (1:1-4:13).
3. As God's spokesman Christ is superior to the prophets (1:1-3) and the angels (1:4-14).
4. In ch.2 we are given:
  - a. a concluding warning (vs.1-4)
  - b. information that explains why Jesus came to earth in the flesh (vs.5-18).

#### Discussion:

- I. (2:1-4) A CONCLUDING WARNING
  - A. (vs.1) Since God has spoken unto us by His Son who is greater than the prophets and the angels, we must:
    1. pay careful attention to the things we have heard
    2. not allow these things to slip away.
  - B. (vs.2-4) We must heed this warning because there is no escape for those who neglect the great salvation.
    1. (vs.2) Even though angels are inferior to Christ,:
      - a. the word spoken by them was steadfast (Genesis 19:15-17)
      - b. those who disobeyed their word were punished accordingly (Genesis 19:26).
    2. (vs.3) This being the case, there is no escape for those who neglect the great salvation that was:
      - a. first spoken by the Lord
      - b. confirmed by those who heard Him (Matthew 28:19-20; John 14:26; 16:13).
    3. (vs.4) God bore witness to the apostles' teaching by signs, wonders, miracles, and spiritual gifts (Mark 16:19-20; Acts 13:4-12).
- II. (vs.5-18) INFORMATION THAT EXPLAINS WHY JESUS CAME TO EARTH IN THE FLESH
  - A. (vs.5-9) Jesus came so man can once again have the dominion that he lost.
    1. (vs.5) God did not subject the world to angels.
    2. (vs.6-8a) God made man to have dominion over His creation (Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 8).
    3. (vs.8b) However, all things have not been put in subjection to man (Genesis 3:17-19; 1 Corinthians 15:26).
    4. (vs.9) Jesus was temporarily made a little lower than the angels so He could taste death for every man.
  - B. (vs.10) In bringing many sons to glory, Jesus was made perfect through sufferings (5:8-9; Philippians 2:5-11).
  - C. (vs.11-13) Jesus made it possible for man to be united with Him and the Father in the church (Ephesians 2:14-16).
  - D. (vs.14-15) By coming in the flesh, Jesus made it possible for man to be delivered from death.
  - E. (vs.16-18) By coming in the flesh and being tempted, Jesus is able to serve as our merciful and faithful High Priest.

#### Conclusion:

1. Jesus is God's spokesman today -- we must pay careful attention to what He says.
2. We must appreciate the Lord for what He did on our behalf when He came to earth in the flesh -- doing so will help us remain faithful to Him.