

Chapter 2

- This chapter continues the First Section of Comparison (chapters 1 and 2)
 - Showing Jesus is *better* than the Angels and the Torah.
- While **Chapter 1** gave emphasis to his superiority as the Son of God
 - **Chapter 2** will give emphasis to his superiority as the Son of Man

Verses 1–4: Warning - Don't neglect the greater salvation!

Verse 1: we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard

- Referring to the message that God has now spoken to us by his Son

Drift away(*pararreō*): to glide by, to be carried away(by a current), to pass by

- The ancient Greek phrase comes from the idea “to slip.” It was used for an arrow slipping from the quiver, for snow slipping off a landscape, or of a boat not anchored or moored to a dock.

Verse 3: how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

- A greater promise of salvation brought by a greater person will bring a greater condemnation if it is neglected.

Neglect(*ameleō*): to be careless, to make light of

- This word is also used in **Matthew 22:5** of those who disregarded the King's invitation to the marriage feast for his Son, but “But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business...”
 - It means having the opportunity but ignoring or disregarding it because you thought little of it.

Verses 5–18: The Son of Man is the Founder of our Salvation

Verses 6b – 8a: This is a citation of **Psalm 8:4 -6**

- Demonstrating further that as impressive as angels are, God never intended the world to be subject to them – and certainly not a rebellious and fallen angel!
 - God did not give angels dominion over the present world.
 - God has not given angels dominion over the world to come.

Verse 8b: Putting everything in subjection to him

- This echoes the original mandate and purpose given to humanity in **Genesis 1:26-28** as God gave dominion to Adam and Eve, and they were to fill and subdue creation.
 - In the same way, we now see Jesus as the new Adam and the founder of a true and better humanity.

Verse 8c: two words have been repeated three times in this verse: everything and subjection

Verse 10: it was fitting that he... should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Perfect (*teleioō*): to make complete, to carry through to accomplishment, to finish, to bring to an end

- **John 19:30** When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished (*teleō*),” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hebrews: Christ the True and Better – The Son of Man

Verse 11: he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source

KJV For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

CSB For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

NASB20 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for this reason He is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

John 20:17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Verse 12: This is a citation of the Messianic **Psalm 22** – where the rescued one leads the congregation of his brothers in praises of the LORD

Psalm 22:22 – 23

22 I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Verse 13: This first citation is in several places, but most noticeably in **Isaiah 12** as linked to praises of songs for his salvation

Isaiah 12:2 “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

- This second citation is also from the mouth of Isaiah (the prophet most frequently quoted by Christ)

Isaiah 8:17 - 18

17 I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him.

18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

Verse 16: the offspring of Abraham

- This refers to all believers in Christ, as the spiritual descendants of Abraham (**Galatians 3:29**), rather than only to ethnic Jews as the physical descendants of Abraham.

Verse 18: he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted

(from verse 10) Founder(*archēgos*): one that takes the lead in anything and thus affords an example, a predecessor in a matter, a pioneer

Isaiah 53:3a He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief

1st Peter 2:21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.