

NOTE: Our lesson questions are based on the NIV 2011 edition. Our preference is your first time through the questions, you answer without consulting commentaries - delight in what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.

LESSON 3 HEBREWS 2:1-9

1. What truth, verse, or insight from the lesson on **Hebrews 1:4-14** has God used this past week and how did it influence your thinking or actions?

2. Pray before you read **Hebrews 2:1-9** in which the author gives the first of five warnings to his readers who were tempted to drift spiritually. When have you observed or experienced drifting off-course spiritually? What were the ripple effects?

3. Restate the warning issued in **Hebrews 2:1**. How is the warning tied to the previous verses in **Hebrews 1**?

4. Read **Hebrews 2:2-4**.

a) How did God use angels in the past? See Acts 7:37-38, 53 and Galatians 3:19b.

b) What was true about the angels' message and what were the consequences if that message was disobeyed?

c) What do you learn about our great salvation and how it was announced and later confirmed? Share verses from the gospels that come to mind.

5. Read Hebrews 2:5-8 and Psalm 8.

a) What is God's heart for mankind and how is the role of the angels limited?

b) From **V6-8** and **Genesis 1:26-28**, what was God's original design for mankind before the fall and what are some ways that not everything is as it was designed?

6. a) How do we see Jesus now, and what did His humanity and perfect sacrifice accomplish according to **Hebrews 2:9**?

b) Our passage affirms again that Jesus is better than the angels. What are your thoughts as to why Jesus was made lower than the angels for a time?

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7. Reflecting on **V9**, express your gratitude to Jesus who willingly gave up his place in heaven, becoming a man, lower than the angels, to restore your relationship with the Father.

8. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER SALVATION

The author of Hebrews wanted his readers to see the great salvation made possible only by the death of Jesus on our behalf. For those who are drifting in currents of doubt or despair, the reality of His better salvation brings hope and perspective. As you focus on Jesus and His salvation as revealed in the verses below, find truths that anchor you to a place of thanksgiving and hopefulness:

- Luke 2:28-32
- Acts 4:12
- Romans 8:1-2
- Philippians 2:6-11
- Hebrews 5:9

MEMORY VERSE

"But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because He suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone." Hebrews 2:9

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PRAYER REQUEST