

Better Than Angels - Part 2

Text: Hebrews 2:1-9

Introduction

Quote: (Hutson Smelly) “Real life is serious business, and our Christian walk has both temporal and eternal consequences.”

We are in part 2 of the argument (2:5-18) that speaks about Jesus being head of a new humanity where they will collectively rule over a new creation. In part 1 of the same argument the writer focused on Jesus’ deity which led to His exaltation following His resurrection. That leaves the section of verses 2:1-4 that is classified as the first of five “warning passages.”

1) A Warning Of Future _____ For Believers

Verses 1-4

A. We must intentionally have an intense _____ on God’s words

- Job 6:15 “My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, And as the stream of brooks they pass away;”
- The writer presents a comparison — Hebrews 2:2 “For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;”

B. Don’t neglect the reality of a _____ salvation

- Hebrews 9:28 “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

C. God’s revelation is _____ through God’s power

- Mark 16:20 “And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”
- 1 Thessalonians 1:5 “For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.”
- John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
- Romans 8:30 “Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”
- Hebrews 3:1 “Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;”
- An example of temporal loses — Hebrews 10:27 “But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.”
- 1 Corinthians 3:11–15 “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every

man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

- Matthew 16:27 "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."
- Matthew 6:19–20 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:"

2) A Renewing Of _____ Over All Things

Verses 5-9

A. The _____ of God gifting dominion to humanity

- The writer quotes from: Psalms 8:4–6 "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, And hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet:"

B. Man _____ his authority but _____ it through Jesus Christ

- Genesis 1:26–27 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."
- Man's dominion is seen in — Genesis 2:15 "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."
- Genesis 3:17–19 "And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."
- We get a glimpse of Satan ruling over creation in — Job 1:7 "And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."
- Satan offered Jesus this authority back — Matthew 4:8 "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;"
- A promised ruling Redeemer — Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."