

Hebrews 2:1-9 - Oct.18, 2026

“DON'T NEGLECT OUR GREAT SALVATION!”

Introduction....

Anyone need a bible?

Let's stand and read....

Hebrews 2:1-9 - “*Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying:*

***“What is man that You are mindful of him,
Or the son of man that You take care of him?
You have made him a little lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and honour,
And set him over the works of Your hands.
You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”
For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.***

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.”

You can be seated.....

Let's pray.....

This portion of scripture that we are looking at today makes me think of the parable of the wedding feast in Matthew 22.... People are invited by the king to the wedding of his son, but most of them take the invite very lightly and ignore it or get too busy with their life or their business and all of their activities, to even consider taking the king up on his invite... it got so bad that some of them even killed the servants who were giving the invitation....rejecting and persecuting this GLORIOUS invitation.....So the king was so angry that he had all of those people who murdered his servants and rejected his invite.....and had them killed.....

Salvation is serious business....

BUT.....

It's a glorious thing isn't it, our Salvation?

It's the greatest thing ever.....

The promises we are made with our Salvation are extraordinary and so wonderful that it's hard to fathom....

But Salvation isn't only an invite into this glorious eternal life.... It's also a saving from the most horrific event that will ever occur.....

Being APART....from our Creator....FOREVER....and HE IS, the Author of Life....HE IS LIFE....So choosing to be apart from Him....if HE IS LIFE....what do you get?

Well....I don't even want to think about it.....

And that's what these people chose when they rejected the invite.....

So going to the Son's wedding wouldn't have only been such a magnificent experience for these people in the parable, but being at the wedding would've also saved their life....what a perfect picture.....

And we'll see in our Hebrew verses, what the King ultimately offers all of His guests.....much more than a simple invite....

I normally give a recap or an introduction before starting a message, but this first verse in Hebrews chapter 2 kind of alludes to giving a recap of chapter 1 already.....

So let's just sum up chapter 1, then read verse one of chapter 2, and then respond to it.....

And to read chapter 2 properly...we need to once again... have a REALLY PROPER AND STRONG UNDERSTANDING OF WHO JESUS REALLY IS.,.,.

So Chapter 1 summary.....and Pastor Brent taught this so clearly and concisely.....

God has always spoken to us.... in the past, He always spoke to us by the prophets... we see that in the whole Old Testament... God speaking to us through the prophets.....

BUT NOW....He The Father, says He speaks to us by THE SON..... and not just any old son....But THE SON..... The Son Who owns everything...the Son, Who made everything...the Son, Who put the universe together..... the Son, Who is the exact precise express image of The Father....HE IS GOD.....and IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING..... and that same divine Son, came down And dealt with OUR SIN, purging it... through an excruciating sacrificial death.... and is now seated at the right hand of power in heaven with His Father and our Father.....

And God The Father, calls Him, God, The Son.....

Just so you know, I am still summoning up chapter 1....haha THAT'S PRETTY HUGE ISN'T IT.....

THERE ARE NO WORDS IN OUR LANGUAGE TO EVEN COME CLOSE TO DESCRIBING THE MAGNIFICENCE OF WHO JESUS REALLY IS.....

So don't you dare tell me that this SON... is the same as an angel, or less than an angel, or even close to an angel... because no angel sits at the right hand of God.....

And God the Father, is now telling us.... that He is now speaking to us directly....through God, the SON.....

WOW.....now that we have that straight.....

WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?!?!?

Our Big Motive, Our Response, Our Warning

Heb 2:1 - “*Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.*”

He's talking to us....holy smokes....I better listen....I should listen....WHY WOULDN'T I WANT TO LISTEN....

My goodness.....GOD IS SPEAKING TO ME.....

Remember HE IS LIFE....so if I want MORE LIFE AND SECURITY OF LIFE.....It's only found in Him.....

So to...HEED THE THINGS WE HAVE HEARD....we listen to Jesus and respond to Him, obey Him, trust Him...that's why we put SO MUCH ATTENTION IN THE WORD AND READING, TEACHING, AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD in our church...because JESUS IS THE WORD.....and we trust Him when He says....HEED WHAT I'VE SAID.....

And the warning, is why I say....Our salvation is serious business...our HEEDING is serious business.....because the Lord says....LEST WE DRIFT AWAY.....

If we don't listen to Jesus....WE ARE GOING TO DRIFT.....

Drifting is a slow process guys....

The world and it's busyness and urgency in our life, has a way of demanding our time and attention...because we have NEEDS AND DESIRES.....

But remember, God says....

Matthew 6:33 - ***“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”***

God says.....I KNOW....I KNOW YOUR EVERY NEED AND DESIRE....TRUST ME....I GOT YOU COVERED....I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GIVE YOU ALL YOU NEED....
SO DON'T DRIFT AWAY....TRUST ME, THERE'S NOTHING THERE FOR YOU....IT'S ALL IN ME AND WITH ME.....
COME TO MY SON.....LISTEN TO MY SON....HE'S SPEAKING.....AND YOU'LL GO TO HIS WEDDING....YOU'LL BE A PART OF IT....HIS BRIDE.....

Isn't God's Word amazing and wonderful.....

Isn't it beautiful how God, as a loving Father, EVEN AS I SPEAK....is challenging all of us right now....making us THINK ABOUT OUR OWN WALK WITH JESUS.....***AM I FAITHFUL...DO I TRUST HIM....do I listen to and heed Him...***
PUT HIM AT THE TOP OF YOUR PRIORITIES IN LIFE and you won't drift....

But you know.....If you DON'T... see the supremacy of Jesus....HIS DIVINE MAGNIFICENCE AND OUR NEED TO LISTEN AND HEED HIM....that the writer of Hebrews is impressing upon us.....No one can force you to....but I pray that you will see Him one day, the way I see Him and many of us see Him..... Maybe that day is today....

And God tells the importance of clinging to Jesus....

Is Our Response Justified, Serious And Verified?

Heb 2:2-4 - ***“For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,
how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,***

4God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?"

What will happen if we reject the King's invite to His Son's wedding.....

That GREAT SALVATION, obviously starts with our initially being saved from our sin...saved from the wrath of God... given eternal life....but it also includes, ALL THE BLESSINGS IN THIS LIFE....AND.....the future inheritance to come.....So if we NEGLECT this great salvation, and do nothing about it... not growing and being moulded into the image of Jesus... but just drifting.... then we are taking this most costly and magnificent gift that God has given us, and squandering it and acting like it is nothing and worthless or replaceable.... Just think of what Jesus endured and went through for us, and imagine just brushing it off like it was nothing... not only that but ignoring this Great Salvation, that we have been given, in essence, is showing our ignorance of the magnitude of glorious gifts that God wants to give us in this life... it's like we just don't get it... we don't understand that living a holy life sold out for Jesus is where the blessed life really resides... it's where peace is and where joy is and where fulfilment is and where contentedness is...yet we are looking for these things in all the other places.....WHY? Because we don't listen to Jesus....we don't spend time with Him through His word.... we don't wake up in the morning and talk to Him, and bring Him into every event of the day... and talk to Him at night.... and say good night to Him while talking with Him before we sleep.....

And you are ALWAYS asking His advice in every decision and every conversation....

This is ABIDING IN HIM.....HE'S WITH YOU ALWAYS....

His Word tells us all of His promises and encouragements and rebukes and instructions.... all of the details that you get

from a good and loving Father, Who knows how to give what is good for their child.....

Why is the Commandment so serious?

These Hebrews took their law and their Commandments very very very seriously...as verse 2 says..... so seriously, that certain ones when broken were worthy of the death penalty to them... and as Brent taught last week..... they received these commands of God, through angelic means.....spoken by angels... and they took it that seriously.....

And God is now saying that He is finished and done with using mediators and pictures and Commandments from the Old Covenant to draw people.... He is now coming directly to us and speaking directly with us, through His Son....

HE IS COMING AND COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY.....

SO THIS IS SERIOUS.....

This can be a message for unbelievers.... but it is a direct message for those of us who believe.....

If you are Saved And Jesus has forgiven you, and He is the Lord of your life.....**THEN DON'T NEGLECT THIS GREAT SALVATION.....DO SOMETHING WITH IT.....**

BUT IS IT WORTH IT?.... you need witnesses and testimonies of whether or not it is worth it?.... The writer says that the Lord Himself says it's worth it....and all of His apostles say it's worth it, and everyone who has heard Him says it's worth it... and the Holy Spirit says it's worth it, and the Father says it's worth it.....and His Word says it's worth it...and all of the crazy miracles and signs and wonders that occurred as a result.....they all confirm...**THAT IT'S WORTH IT.....**

I don't know what more someone could need....

Take the step of faith.....

The "FOR" in verse 5, is like a "because", or a foundation, of **WHAT HAS JUST BEEN SAID.....**

And **WHAT** has been said in verses 1-4?....

Once again, Basically.... That our salvation in Jesus, spoken to us by Jesus Christ Himself... is **SO GREAT** and **SO CONCRETE.....**

That it would be ABSURD AND LITERALLY SUICIDAL, to ignore it, or neglect it....because YOU WILL DRIFT AWAY.... and remember...drifting away from Jesus, is drifting away from LIFE.....

So WHY is neglecting this GREAT SALVATION so crazy and self destructive?

Is Our Earnest Response Worth It?

Heb 2:5-8a - *“For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.*

6But one testified in a certain place, saying:

“What is man that You are mindful of him,

Or the son of man that You take care of him?

7You have made him a little lower than the angels;

You have crowned him with glory and honour,

And set him over the works of Your hands.

8aYou have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him.””

He is quoting from Psalm 8....

So what's the big deal?

Don't neglect this great Salvation(from verse 3).... because God hasn't put the world in subjection to angels(from verse 5).....WHAT!?

How does it tie in....well, we'll see....

We gotta remember that the “FOR” from verse 5....is attempting to more fully open up for us, the previous verses, and our INSPIRATION...to not neglect this GREAT SALVATION.....

We must remember that our salvation isn't just a one time thing....We have an inheritance... The New Testament Books speak a lot about our inheritance in Christ.....when we are saved, and we are born again... it is just the beginning of an

endless life ahead of us....and God has SO MUCH FOR US....so much so that He says.....

1Cor 2:9 - “*But as it is written:*

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

So in these verses, the writer is now addressing WHO gets rule and reign over the world.....WELL... he’s telling us that it’s not angels..... it never was angels and never will be angels.....

So what does God have in store for us.....

Also remember Brent taught in chapter 1.....

Heb 1:13-14 - “*But to which of the angels has He ever said:*

*“Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”?(this is Jesus)
14Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for
those who will inherit salvation?”(That’s Us)*

Once again saying.....Angels are only here to serve....They are glorious, but they aren’t going to rule the world....they are here to serve us.....Who will inherit Salvation.....

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THIS INHERITANCE?.....

Well, what do we know already...and what do we HAVE already...

We’ve been forgiven right....isn’t that awesome....

We have been SAVED from sin, saved from the coming wrath of God.....

We have peace with God, and He has taken my sin and given me HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.....

The veil is removed and I am a new man, growing in the image of Jesus.....I CAN FEEL IT, in my life....my mind has changed, my motives and my purpose has changed..... I may still struggle with MANY THINGS, but I have a joy DEEP INSIDE, that NO ONE OR NO THING, can take from me..... Isn't that great....I LOVE IT..... But that's not the end.....it's only the beginning.... Psalm 8 quoted here in Hebrews, is a clear statement of God's intent for MAN....YOU AND I....TO HAVE DOMINION AND COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE WORLD..... Of course THE SON OF MAN, Jesus, plays the biggest part in this...He is making this all possible.....but none the less God is speaking about His intent FOR YOU AND I.....to rule and reign.... The Lord said this from the beginning....

Gen 1:28 - ***"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"***

And our verse 7, illustrates God's glory more than anything....listen to the seeming contradiction here...but it really shows us how God thinks and what His ultimate plan is.....

Heb 2:7 - ***"You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honour."***

COME ON..... Pastor Brent expressed this last time..... To see an angel in person, would KNOCK OUR SOCKS OFF... All of the descriptions of angels in the Bible and the response of people when they confront an angel, leads us to believe that they are pretty formidable, magnificent, and intimidating creatures..... and we are clearly made a little

lower than them.... simply in our appearance and fallen nature..... yet God says He has crowned us with glory and honour.....WHAT? WHAT IS GOD UP TO HERE?..... because we don't see this?

There's still something missing here isn't there?.... Is that what this writer is getting to?

Even though we are saved and have peace with God and we know it.....

DO WE HAVE COMPLETE DOMINION....DOMINION OVER ALL THE ANIMALS.....HAVE WE SUBDUED THE EARTH... IN COMPLETE CONTROL?

Look at our brother the other day who was attacked by a bear..... we obviously don't have Dominion over the animals.....

Many of us have health issues... but me myself... I was born with multiple genetic diseases, have had many many operations, had a frontal lobe pituitary tumour years ago needing surgery and radiation, diagnosed with cancer 12 years ago and needed a hemipelvectomy, removing the left side of my pelvis and the rest of my hip and leg, and fairly recently had a retinal detachment.....

And we have lost many brothers and sisters in our congregation and there's many of you here that are suffering from one thing or another right now... or have a family member or a friend that is suffering.....

So I would say that we are far from being in complete control....

None of us know when an accident or health issues are going to arise, and the Lord is going to take us home.....

And I haven't even gotten into the weather....how the weather can destroy lives... or the political climate of the world.....we have no idea what country is going to attack what country.....

And you know at this point in time, it would be so easy to come up with 1 million different jokes about how none of us are in control of anything really.....but this is too serious and ultimately **TOO GLORIOUS** to joke about.....we have no idea

what is going to happen from one moment to the next in our lives and in the world.... we can, and we should be organized and make plans, but the outcome of everything is in God's hands.....

Didn't James tell us....

James 4:13-14 - *“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”*

We don't have Dominion..... we haven't subdued all things... We as a race....can boost ourselves up pretty good though can't we.....talking about JUST HOW FAR WE HAVE COME.....

We went to the moon...we have electricity...we fly...our standard of living has sky rocket.....

I don't want to burst your bubble, but... no matter how many vitamins you take or how healthy you eat or if you exercise regularly and you are the epitome of human health.... you may live, and I say, MAY live a longer more enjoyable life..... BUT.....you're still gonna die.....

THE TRUTH IS.....

We are SUBJECTED TO ALMOST EVERYTHING..... POWERLESS.....

The reason that I am building this up so much, isn't to bring us down.... it's to get us to see what the writer wants us to see..... to not neglect such a great salvation and our inheritance to come.....BECAUSE.....EVEN THOUGH, sometimes things can seem so sad and so tragic in this life.... and it can feel like things are falling apart in your life.....grab a hold of your salvation and grow in it...love God, trust God, put your hope in the glory to come in

Christ....make Him the CENTRE of all your thoughts and plans.....

BECAUSE.....the beginning part of verse 8 is God's ultimate purpose for you and I..... and it's gonna happen and it should effect how we live for Christ here and now in this life.....

Heb 2:8a - *“You have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him”*

.....EVENTUALLY....none of those tragedies will EVER BE ABLE TO TOUCH YOU....IT WILL BE OVER.....SO WHY WOULD I NEGLECT THIS SALVATION....This I believe is what Paul meant when he says.....

Philippians 3:12-14 - *“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

I don't think we realize even to a tiny tiny degree the magnitude of what God has in store for us.....

How will God pull this off.....bring us from being LOWER than angels....to having complete dominion over the world.....

And this is where Jesus and His Divinity...AND.....His humanity changes the scenario...COMPLETELY CHANGES IT....God hasn't MISSED SOMETHING....or messed up His original plan from Genesis 1:28.....NO.....Everything is right on track....

Heb 2:8b-9 - “*But now we do not yet see all things put under him. (WE DON’T SEE ALL THINGS PUT UNDER US!).....*
9But.....we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.”

Man... crowned with glory and honour and in control of all things, with NOTHING...that isn't put under his feet.....

WE DON'T SEE IT.....

BUT JESUS OR BUT GOD.....CHANGES EVERYTHING.....

Oh death where is your sting?.....

JESUS TOOK THE STING OF DEATH FOR US....

Jesus took the sting FOR YOU.....

Jonathon Edwards said this of Jesus.....

And from inside the belly of death, He poisoned death and death vomited Him out into glory.....

And I will rise with Jesus.....to eternal life.....

But we won't die what the Bible calls... the second death.....

Rev 20:6 - “*Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.*”

And the last part of this verse describes some of what our verse 9 is alluding to....Jesus TASTED DEATH FOR US....not only to pay for our sin....but ultimately, that ALL THINGS WOULD BE PUT UNDER US, SUBJECT TO US....ALL THINGS.....Remember....*He left nothing that is not put under him.....MAN.....US.....AND.....*

We.....shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.....

When you die, it's not the end for you if you are in Christ....

The reason why Christians don't need to be afraid of death... is because for me to die is simply my doorway into glory.... GUYS.... this is part of our great salvation that the writer is speaking about and telling us to not neglect..... don't neglect it in this life right here and now....

Knowing what is in store for us in the near future....SHOULD change how we live each day in the present time.....

Are you starting to see?

God's thoughts and God's ways are not our thoughts and our ways..... His are way infinitely wiser, and drastically more magnificent..... we as Christians can rip ourselves.....

Jesus is the forerunner....

This goes so much deeper and Brent will open it up more for us next time but.....

Heb 2:11 - *“For both He who sanctifies(who is Jesus) and those who are being sanctified(That's us)are all of one, for which reason He(Jesus) is not ashamed to call them brethren,”*

I gotta stop there before I open this more....which is for the next teaching....

Jesus did the work, to deal with sin and death, then to put ALL THINGS, back under subjection to Him.....AND US.....

Psalm 8 was completed.....

But let me say this guys.... this Salvation, that Jesus, the Son of God purchased for us.... is of infinite value.... and we have only begun to enjoy the benefits of it....Peace with God....forgiveness....joy deep inside....great hope.....

But God has so much more for us.....eternal life and reigning with Him.....

So let's not neglect it.....

Remember the parable of the King inviting those to the wedding of his Son that I mentioned at the beginning.....

Well..... God has invited all of us to the wedding of His Son.... and we are His Bride..... The marriage supper of the Lamb spoken of in Revelation 19.....

But it goes beyond that.... we are his eternal family now, and we will reign with Him, and everything will finally be put under our feet and the world will be subject to us in love and peace, and in the power of Christ.....THAT'S THE TRUTH.... SO LET'S NOT NEGLECT THIS GREAT SALVATION....

Offer gospel and salvation.....

The only thing that can keep you from this great Salvation that we have been talking about..... is unbelief.....

That you just don't believe this.... you don't believe that Jesus is the Son of God and died for your sins and rose again to glory.... so you don't want it.....

But if you want it.... if you want forgiveness for your sins and you want a different life and peace in your life and you want joy, and you want to remove the fear of death and have the hope of eternal life....THEN BELIEVE.... take that step of faith right here and now in the quiet of your own heart and ask Jesus to forgive you and to receive you....and He will.....

And if you are already a Christian, but you have been neglecting this great Salvation.... make a re-commitment right here and now, and ask Jesus to help you to serve Him wholeheartedly in this life, because you will be serving and reigning alongside Him in the future.....

Let's pray.....