



Famous
Chapter 2's
of
The New Testament

Hebrews 2

There was a point in time where Paul the Apostle had to defend the theology of Jesus. Oh jeepers, there goes that word again: theology. It's a word that closes people off of church. Yet, it's the crux of who and what religion is. It means the study of the nature of God. We tend to say it's the finer points that make our religion ours. Paul makes Hebrews 2 famous because it's the theology of who Jesus is. I suspect there were rumors that Jesus was an angel. Rumors that Jesus was only human. This letter opens with the declaration that Jesus is not an angel. As a matter of fact, Paul throws gas on the fire by stating that Jesus came a little lower than the angels.

In chapter 1 of Hebrews, Paul begins by saying Jesus is above angels. Then in verse 7 of Hebrews 2 we have this little nugget *"You have made him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and have appointed him over the works of Your hands."* Make up your mind Paul! Hebrews is tough reading. Let me explain. Jesus is the crowning glory of God in heaven. He is above angels and humans. Jesus came down from His throne and title to be a little lower than angels. To be human. It's does mean that he is not as good or dive as He was. Instead, look at it as Jesus humbling his deity to be fully human for a time.

Why? See this is theology kicking in. In verse 9 Paul mentions that *"Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone."* Then he mentions in verse 12 *"I will proclaim Your name to My brethren,*

in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise.” Jesus became a man to call men his brothers. It all comes down to verse 18 *“For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.”* Jesus needed to be able to taste our total life so that he could be the total victor in our lives. He could defeat death, pain, and sadness.

This is theology. What does chapter two mean in a nut shell? That Jesus came down from a higher position as the only Son of God. He allowed himself to become a little lower than angels to be 100% human. Then he experienced our lives so that he could understand. He could relate. Then he took away Satan’s one weapon: death. Jesus died and rose again. With that, Jesus could call us home to heaven and bypass death. It was the only thing Satan had to keep us from God.

Angels are servants of God. Jesus dropped below that and became a servant of humans. Angels spoke the word of God to humans. Jesus spoke the word of God to humans. Just as the prophets did. This chapter confirms these traits of a prophet. Jesus was affirmed by God at his baptism. Paul continues this affirmation in this chapter by stating that Jesus is from heaven and divine. This chapter also confirms that Jesus conquered death of humans by his resurrection.

So, I would like to end with verse 1 *“For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.”* Paul is telling his brethren Jews that they have heard from the prophets. They have been taught how Jesus fits into God’s plan as their Christ and messiah. All these rumors and half truths must end right here and now. Don’t drift away from the truth God has given. Jesus is not a twisted version of the rumors. He is the Son of God who became human and died and rose again. Through him we now have an avenue back to heaven. All of this is wrapped up in Hebrews 2. That is why this chapter is famous

