

INTRODUCTION: THE ABSOLUTE SUPERIORITY OF THE SON

A. IN HIS NATURE, BEING, WORKS & OFFICES (1:1-4)

B. IN HIS STATUS COMPARED EVEN TO ANGELS (1:5-14)

I. FIRST APPLICATION: PAY ATTENTION! (2:1-4)

A. FOR THIS REASON (1:1-4&5-14; Introduction above)

B. FULL DEVOTION/CARELESS NEGLECT (1,3 /1Tm3:8, *addicted*; Acts 20:28, *on guard*; note: *anchor*, Hb.6:19)

C. TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD (1; see 2-4; see 1:1,2f; note: *behold*)

D. NOT DRIFT AWAY (1; see 5:11f; see 13:9; Eph.4:14; Jms.1:14; 2Pt.3:17)

II. MOTIVATION FROM COMPARISON: WORD (2:1 with 2-4; see 1:5f)

A. WORD SPOKEN THR. ANGELS: CONFIRMED CONDEMNATION (2; law,angels; Acts7:38,53; Gal.3:19; condemnation; Rom.7:1f w/8:1f; Heb.10:28; 2Cor.3:9)

B. WORD SPOKEN THR. THE LORD: CONFIRMED SALVATION (3; see Jn.3:17; 12:47; Mk.10:45)

1. those who heard the Lord confirmed His words (3; see Lk.1:1f; Acts 1:1f; Jn.20:30f; 21:24f; 1Cor.5:8f; 2Pt.1:16f; 1Jn.1:1f; witness, legally binding testimony; Ex.20:16)

2. God added His witness with theirs (4; see Acts 2:22; (Rm.15:19); 2C.12:12; see Ex.4:1f; Dt.18:22[Dt13:1f; Mt24:24; 2Th2:9]; see Jn.10:25f; 14:10f)

a. signs & wonders (4; see Ex.7:3; Dt.4:34; Ps.135:9; Is.8:18)

b. various powers (4, miracles; see Acts 8:13)

c. distributions of the Holy Spirit (4; see 1Cor.12:4f,11)

d. summary: revealed purpose of extraordinary gifts of Spirit (4; 2C12:12; 1Cor.14:1f; *vs.order*, 1C12-14)

III. MOTIVATION FROM COMPARISON: WORK (2:1 with 5-9)

A. WORK ASSIGNED TO ANGELS: CREATION NOT SUBJECTED TO THEM (5f; see 1:14)

B. WORK ASSIGNED TO MANKIND: CREATION SUBJECTED TO THEM (5f, 7b,8a; see Gen.1:26f)

1. the world to come (5; 1:6; see Gen.1:26f with Eph.1:20f; 2:6; 1Cor.15:20f; Rev.21:5)

2. witness: what is said *vs.* by whom (6; 4:4; see Jn.1:22f)

3. mankind

a. one hand: **made lower** / *a little than angels* (7a; ie, less close to throne; Is.6:2; Mt.18:10; Rv5:11/Gn3:8)

b. other hand: made higher / a lot than angels (5; 7b,8; Gen.1:26f; ie, all things subjected/not to angels)

c. ruined & not yet realized (8b; see Gen.3:17f; Rom.8:20f)

4. Him (9f)

a. one hand: *a little than angels* /**made lower: JESUS** (9; 5f; *incarnation*; see Phil.2:5f)

b. means: suffering & death (9b,d; 1:3d; 12:2; *humiliation*; see Phil.2:8f; Acts 2:22f)

c. end: glory & honor (9c; 1:3e; 12:2; *exaltation*; see Phil.2:9f; Acts 2:24f; 32f)

d. other hand/final result: the world to come (5; *consummation*; see Rom.8:18f,21; 1C.15:24f; Rev.19-22)

e. Ps.110 & 8: exaltation *until* consummation (1:14 & 2:5f /1C15:25-27; Eph1:20-22 /Phil.3:21; 1Pt.3:22)

5. Summary & Introduction (from exposition of Psalm 8)

a. summary: *superiority* to angels (1:4-2:9a)

b. introduction: *solidarity* with humans (2:16,9b-18; chps.3-13; our ultimate high priest)

IV. PAY ATTENTION! DEVOTE YOURSELF! (2:2a; 10:19f,23f; see Acts 2:42; 6:4; Lk.5:11,28; 9:23)

A. TO AN INFINITELY SUPERIOR SAVIOR (chp.1)

B. TO AN INFINITELY SUPERIOR SALVATION (chp.2)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)