

Hebrews 2.2

Steadfast Word of Angels

The giving of God's word to us was accomplished by many mediums. He spoke in a wide variety of ways and all of them carried His name as if He were the One doing the actual talking. This is because He was overseeing every aspect of the process and the things spoken were EXACTLY what He wanted them to be. The writer of Hebrews is giving us a way of thinking about it, however, which is comparative. He asserts that the way things were spoken before, although perfect and exact, shows the superiority of the final revelation of Christ. Remember, this is the basic theme of the whole book. That Christ is the final and supreme revelation of God, and is superior to all others. However, it also bears considering, that the ways before were awesome and filled with wonder and were sealed with great solemnity and awful consequences, and that the gravity of the previous manners adds immeasurably to the power of the final Word.

I. THE WORD BEFORE WAS SPOKEN BY ANGELS

a.Asserted by Paul

Gal 3.19

b. Testified by Stephen

Acts 7.53

c.The Lord of Hosts

Deut 33.2;

Ps 68.17

d. The Angel of the Covenant

Exodus 23.20,23

e.The Angel of the Lord

Some references to the angel of the Lord are Christophanies (pre-incarnate appearances of

Christ) but others are a reference to the actual messenger of God, an angel speaking as an ambassador on His behalf.

- i. Hagar - Gen 16.7
- ii. Moses - Ex 3.2
- iii. Gideon - Judges 6.11
- iv. David - 2 Chron 3.2

f. No One Has Ever Seen God

John 1.18;

Jn 6.46;

1Jn 4.12;

1 Tim 6.16;

- i. No one can Know Him unless He reveals Himself –

Matt 11.27;

John 6.44

- ii. God is not LIKE us, He is Other, He is Holy, He is so far beyond our understanding that

to make Him like us at all is to make Him less than He is.

iii. Avoid every foolish pagan ideology about God having a body like us, about Him being in any fashion just a big, strong man only better... this is greek paganism, this is blatantly anti-scripture

II. THIS WORD WAS STEADFAST

a. Not a jot or a tittle shall pass away –

Matthew 5.17 – 18

b. More steadfast than the earth itself –

Luke 16.17

c. Law given because of transgressions –

Gal 3.17 – 25

apart from the formal structure of the law, the punishment due is undefined, and thus no form of payment could be made. While our guilt exists apart from the structure of the Law, the possibility of forgiveness being given righteously cannot exist without it.

- d. Law given as tutor to bring us to Christ

III. ALL TRANSGRESSIONS DESERVE TO BE PUNISHED

- a. Transgressions - to pass over a thing, to swerve from the rule or violate and break that which is commanded.
- b. Disobediences - turning the ear away, obstinance, neglecting to hear, having no ears,
 - i. He who has ears let him hear -

Matt 13.9

- ii. Idols do not hear - those who trust in them become like them

Ps 115:3-8

Ps 135.15 – 18

- c. Justly - the judgments of God are always just and perfect

- d. Righteously - He will always do what is righteous, no matter the cost, no matter what anyone else thinks about His working.

- i. We are not worthy to judge Him
Not pure but defiled

- II. We are not wise enough to judge Him
All our ways are foolish and folly

- iii. We are not fit to judge Him
We have no frame of reference, we do not have enough information - Job

- iv. We are not strong enough to withstand the encounter - Job, John, Isaiah, Ezekiel, (et al)

IV. ALL TRANSGRESSIONS WILL BE PUNISHED

- a.Certain
- b. Demanded
- c.Unfailing
- d. Unrelenting in His pursuit of what is righteous and holy

V. THERE IS ONLY ONE HOPE OF ESCAPE –

- a.Sure
- b. Promised, fulfilled and demonstrated in Christ
- c.Accepted, testified by the resurrection
- d. Freely Offered, Commanded to Obey - God's Sovereign Choice is not your concern,

your responsibility is NOT to decide if you are elect, your responsibility is to obey what is placed in front of you to obey... for the OT covenant stands so much smaller, so much less than the NT and yet it was so severely enforced. So, how much more important is it to obey the voice of the Son of God Himself?