

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Hebrews Bible Study — Hebrews 1:8-14 & 2:1-3 Lesson #2

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Hebrews before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

8-9 But **to the SON He says, “Your THRONE, O GOD, is forever and ever;** a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your **God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness** more than Your companions.”

• **Psalm 45:6-7** “Your _____, O _____, is forever and ever; a _____ of righteousness is the _____ of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore _____, Your God, has _____ You with the oil of gladness _____ than Your companions.”

Definition: “To the SON He says, “Your THRONE, O GOD, is forever and ever” – Here, God the Father is **saying to Jesus, God the Son, that His throne is forever and ever**, and that **He (the Father) has ANOINTED Him as the Messiah (Messiah or Christ actually means “anointed One”)**. “A scepter of righteousness” means that Jesus will rule His kingdom in holiness and righteousness. A scepter is “a rod or staff held by a ruler” usually made of gold and jewels, but Jesus’ is a scepter of righteousness.

• **Psalm 110:1-2** “The _____ said to my _____, ‘Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’ The _____ will send the _____ of Your strength out of Zion. _____ in the midst of Your enemies.”

10-12 And, “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; they will perish, but You will remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; **like a CLOAK You will FOLD them UP; and they will be CHANGED.** But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.”

• **Isaiah 34:4** “All the host of _____ shall be _____, and the _____ shall be _____ up like a _____; all their host shall _____ down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree.”

• **Revelation 6:13-14** “And the _____ of _____ fell to the _____, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the _____ receded as a _____ when it is _____ up, and every _____ and _____ was _____ out of its _____.”

Definition: “Like a CLOAK You will FOLD them UP; and they will be CHANGED” – God has promised us a beautiful new earth where all will be peaceful, and no humans or animals will kill, even for food. In order to reach this perfect new earth, **the old earth, along with the HEAVENS and atmosphere, will be burned up in an instant, with incredible heat.** God's word also says it will be like “folding up a cloak” or “rolling up a scroll” and all of creation will be CHANGED. **It is God's ultimate recycling program!** Peter even mentions that “the elements will melt” with the intensity of the heat. Only God could cause such a terrific heat to melt the very elements, and God will then recreate everything **the way it was originally, before sin and “the curse”** came into the world.

• **II Peter 3:12-13** “Looking for and hastening the _____ of the _____ of _____, because of which the _____ will be _____ being on _____, and the _____ will _____ with fervent _____? Nevertheless, we, according to His _____, look for _____ heavens and a

_____ in which _____ dwells.”

• **Isaiah 65:17 & 25** “For behold, I _____ new _____ and a _____; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.”

“The _____ and the _____ shall feed together, the _____ shall eat _____ like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall NOT _____ nor _____ in all My holy mountain,” says the Lord.”

• **II Peter 3:7** “But the _____ and the _____ which now exist are kept in store by the same word, reserved for _____ until the _____ of _____ and _____ of ungodly men.”

13-14 But to which of the **ANGELS** has He ever said, “**Sit at My RIGHT HAND, till I make Your enemies Your footstool?**” Are they not all **ministering SPIRITS**, sent forth to **MINISTER** for those who **WILL inherit SALVATION**?

• **Psalm 110:1-2** “The _____ said to my _____, ‘Sit at My _____ hand, till I make Your _____ Your footstool.’ The Lord will send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. _____ in the midst of Your enemies.”

• **Matthew 4:11** “Then the devil left Him (Jesus), and behold, _____ came and _____ to Him.”

• **Matthew 18:10** “Take heed that you do _____ despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in _____ their _____ always see the face of My _____ who is in heaven.”

Definition: “Sit at My RIGHT HAND, till I make Your enemies Your footstool?” – Usually, in Old Testament passages, the right hand of the Lord just **refers to His power and victory in battle** against the enemies of Israel. **In the New Testament, we see Jesus is sitting at the RIGHT HAND of God the Father**, and He is the personification of God’s power and victory over the ENEMIES of sin, death and the devil. When God’s word says, “**To which of the ANGELS has He ever said, “Sit at My RIGHT HAND,”** this question is phrased so that **the answer is “No, to NONE of the angels** was this ever said.”

God said this to His Son, Jesus, after He was raised from the dead and taken up into heaven. Where it says “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand” we know from the New Testament Scriptures that it is Jesus who now sits at the right hand of the Father in heaven, after His resurrection and ascension to heaven.

• **Exodus 15: 6 & 12** “Your _____, O Lord, has become glorious in power; Your _____, O Lord, has dashed the _____ in pieces.” (Verse 12) “You stretched out Your _____; the earth swallowed them.”

• **Luke 20:41-44** “And He (Jesus) said to them, ‘How can they say that the _____ is _____ son? Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms, “The _____ said to my _____, ‘Sit at My _____, till I make Your _____ Your footstool.’ _____ therefore calls Him _____, how is He then his son?”

• **Hebrews 12:2** “Looking unto _____, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him _____ the _____, despising the shame, and has sat down at the _____ of the throne of God.”

• **Ephesians 1:20-21** “Which He wrought in Christ when He _____ Him from the _____, and set Him at His own _____ in the heavenly places, far _____ all principality, and _____, and might, and dominion, and every _____ that is _____ not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”

Definition: “Ministering SPIRITS, sent forth to MINISTER for those who WILL inherit SALVATION” – Minister means to render service on behalf of someone, and in this case it is on

behalf of those who will **come to FAITH in JESUS CHRIST and INHERIT His salvation.** This means God sends His angels to watch over us and **protect us even before we are saved**, because obviously, He must keep us alive until we do get saved. It doesn't mean we will never have any problems or difficulties in life, but God will KEEP us ALIVE until we reach the point where we will accept Jesus as our Savior and receive eternal life in Him. **The main theme here is that ANGELS SERVE and PROTECT BELIEVERS in CHRIST.**

•**Psalm 91:11-12** "For He will give His _____ charge concerning _____, to _____ you in all your ways. They will _____ you up in their _____, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

•**Genesis 24:7 & 40** "But he said to me, 'The _____, before whom I walk, will send His _____ with _____ and _____ your way (make your journey successful); and you shall take a wife for my son from my kindred and from my father's house.'"

•**Acts 12:7 & 11** "Now behold, an _____ of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck _____ on the side and raised him up, saying, 'Arise quickly.' And his _____ fell off his hands." (Verse 11) "And when Peter had come to himself, he said, 'Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His _____ and has _____ me from the hand of Herod.....'"

•**Acts 5:18-20** "And laid their hands on the _____ and put them in the common prison. But at night, an _____ of the _____ the _____ doors and brought them _____ said, 'Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.'"

Chapter 2

1-3 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.

Definition: "Give the more EARNEST HEED to the things we have heard lest we DRIFT AWAY"
– "Earnest heed" means to give something your FULL ATTENTION and effort. It is the same as in Second Peter 1:5, where it says, **"GIVING ALL DILIGENCE."** The dictionary defines **being diligent** as "characterized by steady, earnest and **energetic application and EFFORT**" and **DILIGENCE** as "persevering application." There are some things **in your Christian walk that require that kind of EFFORT** and perseverance, and you need to APPLY God's word to your life and situations. We're not talking about working for your salvation, because **salvation is NOT of WORKS, but of grace** (Eph. 2:8-9). This is concerning our spiritual growth, and the BLESSINGS of God, and rewards both here and in heaven. The blessings and rewards do not come to the lazy, or procrastinators, or the double-minded, or to those who give half-hearted efforts. **Our good works should be EVIDENCE** to the world around us that we belong to Jesus Christ, and that we are His own special people. The WARNING here is that **if we do NOT give diligence and "earnest heed" to God's word, we are in danger of drifting away**, just as if you stop rowing a boat, it will just go with the current downstream or wherever.

•**II Peter 1:5-8** "But also for this very reason _____ all _____, add to your _____ virtue (moral excellence); and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge self-control; and to self-control perseverance (patience); and to perseverance godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness love. For if these are yours and abound, you will be _____ barren nor _____ in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

•**Colossians 1:10** "That you may have a walk _____ of the Lord, fully pleasing

Him, being _____ in every _____ and increasing in the _____ of God.”

• **James 1:22-25** “But be _____ of the _____, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a _____ of the _____ and _____ a _____, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and _____ in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a _____ of the _____, this one will be _____ in what he does.”

• **James 2:18 & 20** “But someone will say, ‘You have _____, and I have works.’ Show me your faith without your works, and I will _____ you my _____ BY my works.” “But do you want to know, O foolish man, that _____ without _____ is dead?”

Definition: “The **WORD** spoken through **ANGELS** proved steadfast” – In Deuteronomy 33:1-2 it says **God gave the law to Israel from Mount Sinai with “ten thousands of saints” and “saints” in this context means His angels.** How do we know it means angels? Because it says God CAME WITH “ten thousands of saints” and we know He came TO the children of Israel, not having them come WITH Him from heaven. The word “saints” means holy ones, so, in the Old Testament, you need to look at the context to see WHO it is talking about. **In the New Testament, saints refers to believers in Jesus Christ.**

• **Deuteronomy 33:1-2** “Now this is the blessing with which _____ the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. And he said: “The Lord came from _____, and dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He _____ with ten _____ of _____; from His right hand came a fiery _____ for them.”

• **Acts 7:52-53** “Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, who have _____ the _____ by the directions of _____ and have not kept it.”

Definition: “How shall we escape if we **NEGLECT** so great a **SALVATION**” – Many people are openly opposed to the gospel and refuse to accept Jesus as their savior, but some people just seem to “neglect” to do anything about their spiritual condition, and they end up in hell along with those who openly hated Christ. **If you do NOT take advantage of the FORGIVENESS** through the NAME of JESUS, you must PAY for your own sins. If you do not believe in **the death of Jesus on the cross (the BLOOD of Jesus)** to cleanse you from all your sins, then you have NO WAY to be cleansed or forgiven, and **you will go to your DEATH still in your filthy, SINFUL CONDITION.** Hebrews 10:26 says “there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins” for anyone who **REJECTS** the **SACRIFICE** of JESUS on the **CROSS!** The fact that Jesus says **TWICE “you will DIE in your SINS”** makes it obvious that **DEATH** is the cutting off point for “the day of salvation.”

• **II Corinthians 6:2** “.....Behold, now is ‘the acceptable time,’ behold, _____ is ‘the day of _____.’”

• **Hebrews 3:15** “_____ if you hear His voice, do _____ harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me.”

John 8:24 “Therefore I said to you that you will _____ in your _____; for if you do _____ believe that I am *He*, you will _____ in your _____.”