

/Let us begin with the second lecture on Hebrews.

/The main topic of chapter 2 is / “Jesus the Son of Man.” / First point, do not ignore salvation. / Verses 1-4. / Second point, glory and honor of the Son of Man. / Verses 5-8. / Third point, the Son became low. / Verse 9. / Fourth point, sympathy and salvation of the Son. / Verses 10-18. / Let’s dive into today’s passage.

/Verse 1 includes the word, “therefore.” / This means, “Therefore, Christ is God who is greater than angels.” / Therefore, it is right that we obey the gospel that Jesus gave us.

/Here we read, “We must pay more careful attention.”/ Why must we pay more careful attention? It is so that we will not drift away. / There are times when we drift away. / Let’s take a look at some examples.

/First, / we drift away when we are not careful, / or when everything is convenient and well. / Second, we drift away when we do not pay attention to God’s word. /1 Timothy 6:3-5 / A young prophet did not do as God told him to do. / This is in 1 Kings 13:9.

/The young prophet, after carrying out God’s order, / was told, “You must not eat bread or drink water / or return by the way you came.”/ However, he listened to an old prophet / and ate there.

/Then the young prophet was eaten by a lion. / He did not pay attention to God’s word.

/Third, we drift apart when we love the world or love sin. / Fourth, we drift apart when we are attracted to false doctrines and heresies. / We drift away from God’s word in such cases.

/Verse 2 says, / “the message spoken by angels.” / This message refers to the “law.” / Acts 7:53 / Galatians 3:19 / These two verses say that the law was put into effect through angels. / It was put into effect through angels by a mediator.

/The law is God’s word spoken through angels. / Violation of God’s law will result in punishment. / It says in verse 2, “every violation and disobedience received its just punishment.”

/In verse 3, it says, / “how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?”/ This great salvation refers to the gospel. / Why is the gospel salvation? / Because this gospel brings about

salvation.

/On the other hand, the law brings condemnation. / However, the gospel itself is salvation. /In Luke 2:30, it says that / when Simeon / saw Jesus, / he said, “For my eyes have seen your salvation.”

/Moreover, all necessary knowledge needed for salvation is in the gospel. / Thus, we can say that the great salvation is the gospel. / It says that we must not ignore this great salvation. / This means, do not throw away salvation and eternal life/ and return to Judaism.

/If anyone forsake Jesus of salvation and returns to Judaism / because of persecutions and sufferings, / he will lose God’s grace, / and he will not be able to avoid punishment in hell. / Thus, it says, “how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?”

/This means that God’s judgment cannot be avoided. / This gospel was first proclaimed by our Lord. / Jesus told delivered the gospel. / All who heard it confirmed it. / The gospel was proclaimed by the apostles / and those who heard through the apostles.

/In verse 4, / we see that God testified to it through many forms. / God spoke through signs. / Signs can be considered miracles. / For example, the sign of Jonah.

/The sign of Jonah indicates Jonah’s three days in the stomach of a fish. / This symbolizes the resurrection of the cross of Jesus. / God testified through various miracles.

/Jesus calmed the sea, / raised the dead to life, / and healed lepers. / God showed himself through such miracles.

/It also says, “gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”

/God gave the gifts of wisdom and knowledge, / the gift of faith, / the gift of prophecy, / the gift of the power of healing, / and the gift of speaking in tongues. / Christ was testified through various gifts.

/It says in verse 5, / “It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.”

/“The world to come” is God’s kingdom. / God did not subject the world to angels. / The world was subject to Christ, who fulfilled God’s will entirely.

/Therefore, we see in verse 6, / “But there is a place where someone has testified.” / This is from Psalm 8. / The purpose of Psalm 8 / is to glorify God.

/That is why it says, “What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?”/ David was speaking about himself. / He said that his life was worthless and lowly, / but the Lord took care of him.

/We humans are in that low place. / However, / our Jesus came to this world in a physical body. / That is why verse 7 says, “You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor.”

/This means that Jesus, who temporarily came down in a human body, came down to the place that is a little lower than the angels. / Yet, Jesus completed God’s will, and went to the place of glory and honor after through His resurrection.

/Verse 8 says, “and put everything under his feet.”

/God put everything under Jesus’ feet because He completely fulfilled the will of God.

/“In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.”

/When Jesus completed the salvation work in His physical body, everything was not yet under Him.

/We read in verse 9, / “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, / now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death.”

/It says that Jesus suffered death. / The suffering of Jesus indicates that Jesus was made low.

/There are three things that Jesus accomplished when He came to this earth in human form. / First, / Jesus was able to die. / Second, / Jesus was able to sympathize with us humans. / Third, Jesus became an example for us.

/When Jesus came down in a human body, / He was able to die, / sympathize, / and to become an example./ These are the reasons why Jesus suffered in a human body.

/Here it explains what happened when Jesus became low. /We read in the latter part of verse 9, / “he might.” / It says, “so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”

/Jesus tasted death, / which means that he experienced the pain of death. / Angels cannot experience this. / What does it mean when it says that Jesus became low? / The latter half of verse 10 says, “should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.”

/It was “fitting” to God, / which means that it was in accord with the attributes of God. / It also means that it was in accord with God’s eternal purpose. / To be in accord with God’s attributes means that it fulfilled God’s justice and love.

/When God shows us his love for us, he does not ignore justice. / Justice is the act of ruling over sin and displaying holiness. / It was through God’s justice that he sent his Son to die on the cross.

/God showed his unending love through Jesus. / Therefore, it was fitting to God / for Jesus to become low.

/The **third** / reason for why Jesus became low / was to be perfect through suffering. / Jesus is perfect. / Then what does it mean here to be made perfect? / It is not referring to Christ’s personality.

/Jesus is sinless. / To be made perfect means to fulfill the duties of the high priest.

/It says in Hebrews 5:10, / “and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.” / Jesus came to this earth to fulfill His duties as High Priest.

/If we look further into verse 10, / “for whom and through whom everything exists” refers to to God. / God worked to bring his children into glory. / God said that he would save us believers.

/In verse 11, it says, / “the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy.” / The one who makes men holy refers to Jesus. / Those who are made holy refers to us believers. / However, the verse says that both are from the same family.

/It does not mean that Jesus came out from God or that we came out from God. / If we came out from God and Jesus came out from God, wouldn't we be divine beings as well?

/However, we did not come out from God. / Jesus and the Holy Spirit came out from God.

/We came from God. / We have been born again with water and the Holy Spirit. / We have received the life of God. / Therefore, we are “of the same family” in that we received the life of God, / not because we came out from God.

/The **fourth** reason why Jesus was made low/ was because to find a basis and reason to call us brothers. / We see in verse 11, “So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.” / God calls us brothers.

/How can we be called the sons of God along with Jesus? / Jesus is the firstborn Son, / and we are God's adopted children, / but we are also called sons of God.

/Because we are sons of God, Jesus calls us brothers. / The Lord calls us brothers, / and we must not be ashamed to call the poor, the sick, and the weary our brothers.

/Jesus came to seek sinners. / He stayed near the sick. / He comforted those who were in need of help.

/When we think about the fact that the Lord calls us brothers, / we must love our brothers / and look after them in their difficulties. / This is because we are all brothers.

/Verse 12 says, / “I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.”

/To declare your name / means that Jesus would show God through the gospel.

/In verse 13/ it says, “I will put my trust in him.”/ This is from Isaiah 8:17. / The fifth reason / for why Jesus was made low/ was to show us the perfect example / of living with faith.

/Our Jesus is the “perfecter of faith.” / It says in / Hebrews 12:2, / “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.” / The author of faith / indicates that our Jesus is the creator of faith / and the guide of faith.

/Jesus showed us what perfect obedience looks like. / Because Jesus is God, / He does not need to depend on God. / Yet, because Jesus became low with human qualities, / He walked down the path of faith of depending on God / as man.

/“I will put my trust in him.”/ This is a prophecy of the Old Testament. / This means that Jesus would completely trust in and depend on God. / The obedience of Jesus / is perfect obedience. / Jesus completely let go of His will.

/We must follow after Jesus’ example. / We can perfectly follow the Lord’s example when we enter the place of complete obedience to God’s word. / This, of course, cannot be achieved with our own strength. / It is done with the power of the Holy Spirit.

/When we let go of our thoughts / and follow the guidance of Scripture, / the Holy Spirit will work in us/ and we will be able to perfectly obey God. / In this way, Jesus was made low to show us a perfect example of living life of faith.

/We see in the latter part of verse 13, / “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”/ Here Jesus says, / “the children God has given me.”/ God gave us believers to Christ.

/We see in John 6:37, / “All that the Father gives me will come to me.” / God entrusted us believers to Christ.

/Let us say we received a gift / from a friend / and a gift from the president. / Even if we received the same watch from both of them, / the watch from the president would be more valuable.

/God entrusted us to Jesus. / Because God gave us / to Christ, / our Jesus takes great care of us.

/Hence, God considers us valuable and honorable. / We must consider how we came to such a valuable place. / We are called brothers with Jesus, / and God gave us to Christ. / We will participate in the glory of the Lord.

/In verse 14, it says, / “Since the children have flesh and blood.” / “Flesh and blood” is an expression of physical weakness / and limitations of humans.

/We have weak bodies, / but Jesus / shared in the same flesh and blood. / This means that Jesus had the same physical body as us.

/Jesus was hungry, / tired, / thirsty, /and was tired when He did not sleep. / He felt pain when pricked/ and was surprised, / sad, /and rejoiced. / He also poured out just anger towards the Jews.

/Jesus prayed, /sighed and /wept. / Yet, / Jesus was sinless / and was exempt from illnesses. / Jesus came to this earth in a weak physical body. / Jesus became low in this way.

/The sixth reason / for why Jesus become low / is mentioned in the latter part of verse 14. / “So that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil.” / In Ephesians 2:2, / the devil is called the “ruler of the kingdom of the air.”

/Jesus came down to destroy the power of the devil. / This does not mean that Jesus would exterminate the existence of the devil. / It means that Jesus will make the devil powerless.

/Verse 15 says,/ “and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”

/When Cain received the wrath of God, / he trembled in fear. / He said, “My punishment is more than I can bear.” / Like this, death is such something that we fear in life. / Jesus came to free those who are held in slavery to death.

/Verse 16 says, / “For surely it is not angels he helps, / but Abraham’s descendants.” / The eighth reason why Jesus became low / is because we believers of Jesus are Abraham’s descendants.

/Jesus came to save the descendants of Abraham. / In this way, we have looked at the eight reasons for why Jesus became low.

/First, Jesus came to taste death. / Second, / Jesus came because it was fitting to God. / It was in accord with God's attributes, / or the attributes of God's justice and love. / Third, Jesus came to be made perfect.

/Jesus did not come because He was lacking, / but it means that He came to fulfill His duties as High Priest. / Fourth, / Jesus came to find a basis to call us brothers. / Fifth, / Jesus came to show us a perfect example of how to live a life of faith.

/"I will put my trust in him." / Sixth, / Jesus came to destroy the power of the devil. / This does not mean that Jesus would exterminate their existence, / but make them powerless.

/Seventh, / Jesus came to free those who are held in slavery to death. / They are Abraham's descendants. / Those who share the faith of Abraham are descendants of Abraham. / Abraham believed in the coming Christ.

/When God told Abraham that his descendants would be as many as the stars in the sky, / his descendants referred to Christ. / Thus, the descendants of Abraham refer to believers of Jesus.

/In verse 17, it says, / "For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way." / Jesus came to this earth in the same body we have.

/Jesus becomes / a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, / and He redeems the sins of the people. / Our Jesus is our faithful high priest. / Jesus is God, / and Jesus is also human like us.

/Because Jesus is God, He appeased the wrath of God, / and Jesus was also able to take the place of man because He was man. / Jesus was man, / but He did not have any sins. / Also, Jesus became one with God's people.

/We see in verse 18, / "Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." / It says here that Jesus was tempted. / Yet, Jesus did not experience internal conflict when he was being tempted.

/There was no possibility that Jesus would give into temptation. / That is because Jesus is sinless.

/ Yet, because Jesus had a weak body, / He felt hunger, / was slandered by the Pharisees, / and the disciples did not properly know Jesus.

/Christ was forsaken by God on the cross. / However, Jesus overcame temptations. / Jesus became victorious. / Hence, Jesus can readily help believers when they are tempted.

/This means that Jesus will / help born again believers. / We need God's help when we do God's work. / The Lord is always ready to help us.

/Yet, why do we struggle to live with faith? / It is because we do not pray. / Jesus is seated at the right hand of God's throne / and He is waiting to help us.

/We must remember the grace of the Lord / in that He made us His brothers, / and we must fight against sin and the devil. / We cannot do it with our own strength.

/We must pray to God, / and we must receive God's grace / through prayer, / and we must overcome all trials and obstacles that stand in our way with faith.

/We will conclude the second lecture on Hebrews. / Thank you.