

“Hebrews #4”

Hebrews 3:1 – 19... 4:1 – 3a

Review: Chapter 2:5...

Chapter 2:5-8 (ESV)

“For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to him. He left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.”

Chapter 2:14-15 (ESV)

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to slavery...”

➤ **My summery of last week:**

1. **Christ Jesus:** “was crowned with glory and honor because of His suffering of death.” V9
2. **He was made perfect:** “Through suffering and is the founder of our salvation.” V10
3. **Jesus through death:** “Has destroyed the one who has the power of death, that is the devil... and has delivered us from slavery, because of the fear of death.” V’s14-15
4. **In other words, we have been delivered from:** (The power of the devil and sin... we are no longer slaves to sin)

Text: Heb. 3:1-6 (Read)

V1... (NKJV) “Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling”

1. **Remember Chapter 2:11** “He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers.”
2. We have a common brotherhood with Christ Jesus...
 - a. Holy Brethren... this is important, God is Holy, we must be made Holy to commune with Him!
 - b. Under the Levitical system... to worship God the people had to be Holy.
 - c. Question: How was this accomplished?... (Sinners)
3. Through sacrifice and purification... detailed in Leviticus.
4. **Holiness could only come thru sacrifice; it was not and is not a human achievement.**
 - a. Leviticus was pointing to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Text V2... *“Consider Jesus, the apostle (Sent one) and high priest of our confession.”*

Romans 3:20-26 (NIV)... *So let us consider Jesus!*

Text V’S 2-6...

1. In chapters 1 and 2 talks at length about the superiority of Jesus over angels.
2. Why do you suppose the writer of Hebrews now brings up Moses?
3. Compares Him to Moses.
 - a. Remember he is writing or preaching to Hellenistic Jews.
 - b. Revered Moses as a prophet and a spokesman for God.
 - c. He was held in high esteem among the Jews!

Numbers 12:1-9... (Read)

Text V’s 7-15 (Read)...

1. **Hardened hearts?... V8 and V13 (How would you define it?)**
 - a. **V 10 To go astray in their hearts... (out of the abundance of the heart)**
 - b. **V12 Evil unbelieving heart leading you to fall away!**
 - c. **V’s 7-9 Expanded Greek Translation... Saw His works for 40 years...!**

Hebrews 3:7-10a

“Wherefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if His voice you will hear, do not go on hardening your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of the putting to the test in the wilderness, when your fathers put me on trial and when they put me to the test for the purpose of approving me should I meet the test, and saw my works forty years. Because of this I was angry with this generation, and I said, always are they being led away in their hearts.”

V's 7-9 (NASB) I think makes it clear in today’s English...

“Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tried Me by testing Me, and saw My works for forty years.”

1. I see this as us challenging or questioning God, even when we have seen and experienced His work / power in our lives.
2. Example: God working in my life and my wife’s life...

Chapter 3:16-19... 4: 1-3 (read)

Next week: entering into the rest of God!