

## Hebrews 2-3 Summary Notes

### Hebrews 2:1-4

- **Warning:** It is dangerous to your spirit to neglect or fail to pay careful attention to truth found in the Bible.

### Q: Why is it dangerous?

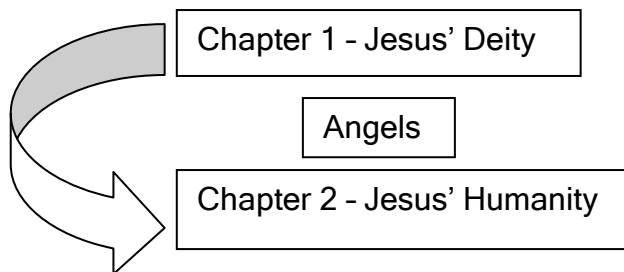
#### 1. You will drift away.

##### a. "drift away" creates three pictures:

- i. Evaporation - truths you do not value by paying careful attention to them disappear like water evaporating.
- ii. Leaking - truths you neglect and do not ponder or cling to are lost like water is lost when you try to carry water in a bucket with a tiny hole in the bottom.
- iii. Boat - truths we carelessly ignore will float out of our minds just like a boat would drift away if we carelessly failed to tie to the dock post.

##### b. the implication of the warning is that this happens to us unnoticed

### Hebrews 2:5-18



**Problem Described:** Man lost his crown through the Fall and is unable to recover it on his own!

### Remedy: Jesus

- became flesh and blood in order to die as a perfect sacrifice for man's sinful rejection of God
- was made perfect through suffering - the word perfect means "functioning according to design." It references not Christ's character which was perfect but His office as "author" or pioneer of salvation. Through suffering he completed all that He was meant to do to secure salvation.
- He became like us that we might become like Him and recover our lost dignity and destiny
- **His coming in the flesh accomplished 3 things** that we could not accomplish for ourselves:

1. **Broke the Devil's dominion** over the earth and liberated people who were in bondage to him.(2:14)
2. **Propitiated** (see definitions below) God's wrath toward sin (2:17)
3. **Became an empathetic High Priest** (2:17-18)
  - Priests must be one with the people they represent

### Definitions that help us understand Christ's work on the Cross:

- **Propitiation** – (vs. 2:17 ESV, NKJV, ASV) to make favorably inclined, to conciliate. It is **something done to a person** to appease or satisfy them. Christ propitiated God in the sense that He bore God's just wrath—a wrath we deserved – *by bearing our punishment*, He turned it away from guilty sinners *in order to give them mercy we do not deserve*. God remains true to Himself—just and merciful.
- **Wrath** - “This is righteous anger—the right reaction of moral perfection in the Creator towards moral perversity in the creature.” J.I. Packer
- **Expiation** - something done to make amends or reparation for crimes, sins or evil deeds. It emphasizes the removal of guilt through the payment of a penalty.
- **Atonement** - (vs. 2:17 NIV) “*At-one-ment*” The root meaning is that of reconciling parties who have had a breach in relationship. It carries the idea of covering an offense by making an equivalent payment - atonement includes all that Christ accomplished for us on the cross - substitute, perfect sacrifice, wrath bearer, willing to pay the price of redemption with His life.

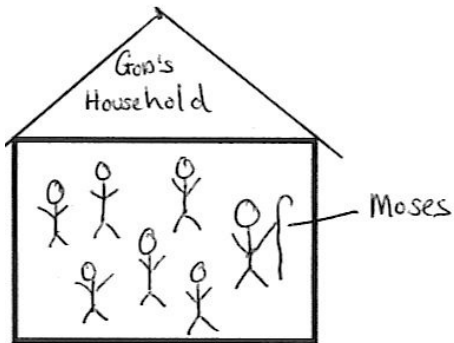
### Lessons

1. If we are not growing in our knowledge and love of Christ, we are drifting and becoming hard hearted.
2. Faithfulness flows from seeing the person and work of Christ clearly.
3. “Today” is the appropriate time to listen to God's Word.
4. Our love of complaining is an evidence of unbelief.
5. Jesus was not only able to overcome temptation—He was unable to be overcome by it.
6. Enduring faith—year upon year—demonstrates the truth of our union with Christ.

## Hebrews 3: Jesus Greater than Moses

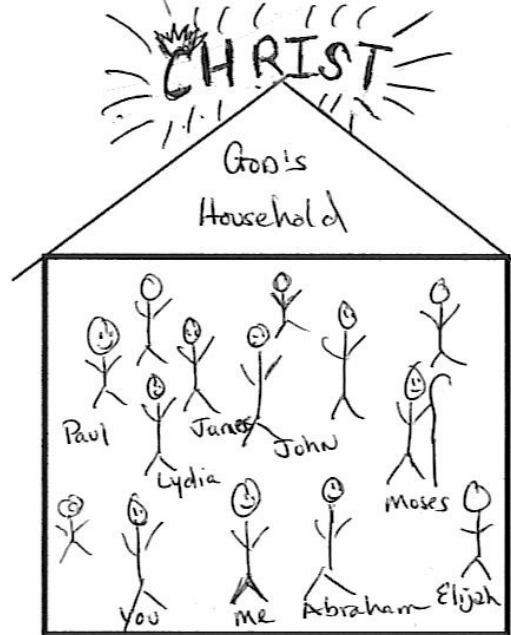
### Diagram of Hebrews 3:1-6

(vs. 2) "house" - in Greek it means a dwelling and by implication the family who dwells there. This word implies a "household," meaning an intimate grouping of those related by blood or common responsibilities. Reading these verses substituting the English word "household" makes the meaning come through clearer. Moses was a faithful servant in God's plan to build a household. Jesus continues to build the household as people come to trust Him as Lord over the family of God.



### Moses

Faithful in God's household  
Worthy of honor  
Servant in the household  
Built by God



### Jesus

Faithful over God's household  
Worthy of Greater honor  
Son over the household  
Builder of all in the household