

Jesus - Like us and For us

"No Turning Back" (Study of Hebrews) - part 2
Pastor Bob Johnson, November 3rd, 2019

The Challenge and Concern: (Heb. 2:1-4)
(Acts 7:38, 7:51-53; Deuteronomy 5:29; 6:1-9; John 10:9-11)

Three causes of drifting:

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The Plan and Problem: (Heb. 2:5-8)
(Psalm 8:1-6, Genesis 1:27-28, 3:17-19, Romans 5:12-14)
(1 Corinthians 15:45-49, 1 Timothy 2:4-6)

Jesus' Purpose and Priesthood: (Heb. 2:9)
(Philippians 2:4-9)

Four Qualifications of a Jewish Priest:

- 1) **Must be one ...** (Hebrews 2:5-18)
- 2) **Must be faithful ...** (Hebrews 3:1-6)
- 3) **Must be appointed ...** (Hebrews 5:1-10)
- 4) **Must be clean ...** (Hebrews 7:26-28)

This Week's Discussion Guide:

Welcome to week 2 of our 5-week small group study through Hebrews 1-4.

At GPC, it is our prayer for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships in the coming weeks.

Getting Started:

Before we get started with some questions related to last Sunday's message on Hebrews 2:1-9, let's catch up a bit.

What is something encouraging or not so encouraging that happened in the last few days that you can share. Let's take a little time to celebrate with one another and support one another.

In Hebrews 2:1, we are encouraged to be careful that our understanding of who Jesus is doesn't drift. Speaking of drifting, what is a an actual time where you drifted somehow and were not aware of it until later.

What made you aware that you have drifted a bit?

Now a bit more personal, when have you noticed a relationship drifting a bit? Why is it easy for relationships to drift?

What 'currents around us' can cause drift to happen if we are not careful? How did you know that the relationship had drifted? What did you do to get the relationship back on track?

Toward the end of Bob's message, he mentioned the role of a priest that Jesus assumed for us. We will learn a lot more about this role in the coming weeks.

Speaking of roles and responsibilities ... what was one of your responsibilities that you enjoyed growing up?

What was one that you didn't enjoy that much but did it anyway?

How does assuming responsibilities help develop maturity?

How have you seen assuming responsibilities mature you over the years?

Before we start to discuss the passage from last Sunday and dig a little deeper into other passages, let's read Hebrews 2:1-9 again.

From last week's message, what was helpful or encouraging to you?

Was there a question that you thought of after listening to the message we can discuss together?

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or raised a question for you?

Digging Deeper:

In Hebrews 2:5-8, Psalm 8:4-6 is quoted that emphasizes how amazing it is that God would love us and want to exalt us and even enlist us to care for His creation.

Let's read all of Psalm 8 (Psalm 8:1-9) and share any insights we receive from it.

When have you been out in nature and were in awe of the beauty and majesty that God gave us to enjoy?

As followers of Jesus, none of us wants to live an ineffective and powerless life for Him. But one of the enemy's strategies is to subtly distract us from who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.

It is easy to drift! That is why Hebrews 2:1 says that, 'we must pay careful attention to what we have heard so that we do not drift away'.

What strategies do the following passages give to help us pay careful attention and live as God has called us to?

- Psalm 119:9-11
- Psalm 119:15-16
- Matthew 22:37
- Hebrews 10:24-25

In the first 2 chapters of Hebrews, we are given some descriptions of Jesus's person and purpose (his character and his calling).

To add to what we have been reflecting on in Hebrews 1-2, let's read the first three chapters of Mark (or not all three if we run out of time :) which gives us more of a picture of who Jesus is.

As we read and reflect on these chapters together, let's share what we see related to who Jesus is and what he has done.

Looking back on all that we noticed, what are a few things that particularly caught your attention?

How can what we just reflected on help us as we try to be mindful of who Jesus is and serve Him as we go about our daily lives?

Wrapping Up:

Based on our discussion, what is one way each of us can apply a Biblical insight or encouragement to our lives in the days ahead?

Before we wrap up, let's share some prayer requests and pray for each other. We are better together!