

- I. The Great Inheritance Intended for Man. A Great Salvation
- A. A contrast is drawn between the word spoken by Christ, and the word spoken by angels. That spoken by angels was much of the substance of the Old Testament, which was given in various ways and at various times. That which is spoken by Christ is in these last days.
 - B. Confirmed by the Apostles and signs and wonders.
 - C. Many different figures used:
 1. Marriage
 2. Earth
 3. Pounds/ cities
 4. Mansions
 5. New bodies, eternal in the heavens
 6. Incorruption; Honor; Beauty; Righteousness; Peace
 7. Heirs, joint heirs with Christ.
 8. Eternal Life, and many other such things.
 9. Unto glory. Vs. 10
 - D. Great warnings. Two things always associated with the message of God.
 1. Promises to those who obey. God will pour out His blessings on those who hear and obey.
 2. Threatenings to those who do not obey. God will revenge His word on those who do not hear and obey: this is seen throughout Scripture.
 - E. Summary, set over the works of God's hands Verse 5-8. See Psalm 8
- II. The Great Inheritance Lost by Man WE see not yet....vs. 8 What happened?
- A. One word: Death. Why, because of sin. Vs. 9-11

- B. How could man be greater better than the angels? Although they are creatures of time and space, and have bodies circumscribed by time and space, they are much freer than are we. They can put on visible matter and put it off again. They can transfer themselves from place to place, even appearing in Heaven, where they behold the face of God. They are not bound to earthly, decaying bodies; They have no sexual distinction; they do not grow from childhood to adulthood, for they came complete from the hand of God
1. But though man is in some senses less than angels, yet God has chosen to place the world to come under the administration of man, not angels. Angels have another purpose than that; man has been given the distinction of ruling the world to come. This is set forth in that great Psalm 8.
 2. But it cannot be fallen man will receive this distinction. Man has fallen under sin and the wrath of God; so what is said in Psalm 8, must be man as he is restored in Jesus Christ. “World to Come” is a Jewish phrase meaning, the world under Messiah when He comes. So Messiah must come as a man, in order to receive the inheritance for which the world was created.
- C. The exalted state of the “heirs of salvation” The angels minister to these. Even the mighty angels themselves will not hold the highest station in the world to come, but will be subordinate to the heirs of salvation, who will even judge angels.
- D. The indefinite quotation: vs. 6-8 a lesson to know our Bibles. The Jews knew theirs, and the writer of Hebrews expected them to know it, so he could quote it and they would know what he said.
- E. Man’s exalted state is in the elevation of Jesus Christ, and to those in Him. The world to come, and the exaltation of man in

it is found only in Christ Jesus. We do not yet see all things under Christ, but we do see Christ, in whom all these things have been fulfilled.

- F. Now, when we see this, it unravels verse 9, “taste of death for every man.” He took the place of sinners. He came for the purpose of standing the place of sinners: Just as Moses stood before Pharaoh, representing the entire nation of the Jews, so Christ stood before Satan, contending with Him: “Let my people go.” Christ is the representative for mankind: and His work is for the sins of the whole world, but His work is saving only to those who believe and to those who by the grace of God obey the Gospel. The intercession of Moses was for Israel; the work of Christ is for the whole world.
- G. There are many who went out of Egypt who did not enter Canaan; so there are many who benefit from the death of Christ, who will not be in heaven, will not inherit the world to come, because they do not believe. Moses was the only Savior provided by Israel for their deliverance from Egypt, and Jesus Christ is the only Savior provided for the world for our deliverance from sin, death, hell, and the devil.

There is salvation in none other, for there is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved. Jesus purchased the whole world for Himself, so that He might give eternal life to those who were given Him by the Father. If you despise this salvation, there is none anywhere else.

III. The Great Inheritance Achieved by Man The Day that Death Died. Vs. 14-18

- A. In order for this to happen, sin must be put away, because of Adam’s guilt, that comes upon us all.

1. Our problem is sin, Adam’s sin by which we came under a curse, and our own sin, whereby we daily increase our guilt: HC 12, 13
2. No mere creature can atone for us: HC 14,15
3. Our redeemer must be both God and man, and He is set forth in Heb. 1, 2 as exactly that. H.C. 16. –19:
4. He must become of the same nature as the children which he intends to redeem: He must become a child of Abraham, who is the pattern for the believer, so that all believers are said to be children of Abraham.
5. Our guilt is taken away in Jesus Christ; not only Adam’s guilt, but our own guilt.
 - a. Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
 - b. I Peter2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to

sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

- c. This last is a quotation from Isaiah 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 53:4 Surely he hath born our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- B. Because our guilt is taken away the power of death is broken.
- C. . Death has power over us because of guilt. The strength of sin is the law, Paul tells us, and the law pronounces us guilty before God. If you are guilty before the law, you lie under the penalty of the law.
- D. Because of the Adam’s guilt, mankind was brought under the power and the enmity of the devil: Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
- E. This enmity is the curse of God; Satan holds men in bondage

and torments them because of the hatred that he has toward them. See II Tim. 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

- F. Jesus Christ delivers us from all the power of the devil, because He has suffered to take our sins away: HC 1. Amen and Amen.