

Chapter 2 Outline

1A First Warning Passage, Do Not Drift Away, vv.1-4:

1B Warning to focus on account of the superiority of Christ, 1: For this reason it is necessary for you to turn your attention more abundantly to what was heard, lest you drift away.

2B Rationale for holiness in comparative disciplines, vv.2-4:

1C The attestation of the Old Testament, 2a: For if the word spoken through angels became certain,

2C The minor discipline of the Old Testament, 2b: and every violation and instance of disobedience received a legitimate retribution,

3C The anticipated discipline of the New Testament, 3a: how will we ourselves escape after neglecting so grand a salvation?

4C The attestation of the recent revelation, 3b-4: Which, at first after it was undertaken to be spoken through the Lord, was made certain by those who heard, 4 together bearing the witness of God in signs and wonders, and various miracles and distributions of the Spirit, according to His will.

2A Explanation of the Warning, vv.5-18.

1B Explanation of the Warning: God Has Put the World to Come in Subjection to Christ, 5: For He did not subordinate the coming world to angels, concerning which we speak.

2B Old Testament Support for the Subjection of the World to Come, vv.6-8:

1C The testimony of the Psalmist, vv.6-8a: 6 But someone testified somewhere saying, *“Who is man, that I might be mindful of him? Or the son of man that I might examine him? 7 For a brief time you have made him a little lower than angels, you crowned Him with glory and honor. 8 You have subordinated all things under His feet.”*

2C Explanation, 8b: For in the subordination of all things to Him, He left nothing unsubordinated to Him.

3C The not yet subordination, 8c: But now we do not yet see all things have been subordinated to Him.

3B Suffering toward Sanctification as the Reason for the Subjection, vv.9-10:

1C The temporary humility of Christ leading to permanent exaltation, 9:

1D Temporary humility, 9a: But we see Jesus, who for a little while has been made a little lower than angels,

2D Permanent exaltation, 9b: because of the suffering of death has been crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for the sake of all.

2C The completion of Christ in suffering, 10: For it was suitable for Him, even for whom are the all things and by whom are the all things, when He led many sons to glory, to make the founder of their salvation complete through sufferings.

4B The Unity of the Sanctified and the Sanctifier, 11: For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified, all are from one; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

5B Old Testament Support for the Sanctified and the Sanctifier, vv.12-13:

1C First quote, 12: saying, *“I will announce your name to my brothers; in the midst of the assembly I will sing you praise.”*

2C Second quote, 13: And again, *“I myself will be confident in Him.”* And again, *“Here I am and the children God gave to Me.”*

6B God Becomes Flesh: First Reason – Defeat the Devil and Set the Captives Free, vv.14-16:

1C The reason for the incarnation 14a: Therefore since the children have become sharers of flesh and blood, He Himself also similarly partook of them,

2C The result of the incarnation, 14b-15: in order that through death He might abolish him who has the power of death, this is the Devil, 15 and He might release them, who in fear of death for all their life were subject to slavery.

3C Explanation of the First Reason, He Only Gives Aid to Men, 16: For surely He does not take hold of angels, but He takes hold of the seed of Abraham.

7B God Becomes Flesh: Second Reason – To Give Aid to Men through Salvation and Sanctification, vv.17-18:

1C The reason: help in life, 17: For this reason He was obligated to be made like His brethren in all matters, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest, in the things pertaining to God, so that He might be a propitiation for the sins of the people.

2C The explanation, 18: For in what He Himself has suffered, after being tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.