

THE HANDS OF
THE LIVING GOD

or

the grand finale

Heb 2:1-3a

For this reason we must pay much closer attention to the things that have been heard, lest we drift away.

For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable (or proved steadfast), and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense,

how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?--which was at the first spoken through the Lord. (NASB)

Wha?? “Spoken
through angels?”

Did angels give the
Law??

An old Jewish
tradition
based (sort of) on
Deut 33:2

(where YHWH comes forth from
a thousand “holies”, or “holy ones”
to give the Law to the people)

Also because
“messenger of YHWH”
is who gives Law
on Sinai elsewhere
(in Exodus etc.)

But “angel of
YHWH”

still called and treated
as YHWH
everywhere

So, distinct person
but also YHWH

==

big problem for
Jewish theology

Some said therefore
YHWH wasn't there

(and a huge number of other incidents in OT)

after all

(only a delegated representative who could speak and be
worshiped as if YHWH)

This is still a position
among some Jews
and 'unitarian'
Christians
today

Hebraist started off
talking about someone
distinct from Father
but also somehow
YHWH

The “Son of God”

Namely, Jesus.

(2:9)

Another title for
Jesus however?

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Jesus however?

HO LOGOS

The Word

(in Greek)

Angels

the

(in Greek)

Angels

proclaimed

(announced, declared)

the Word

The Word
(Christ)
was announced
through
angels

Also, who is judge,
coming to pay
(reward and punish)
everyone?

Also, Who is judge,
coming to pay
(reward and punish)
everyone?

The Word Himself.

Also, remember

Heb 1:6

“And let all the angels
of God worship Him”
when He comes

(i.e. comes in the day of the Lord)

IS VASTLY
SUPERIOR TO

CHRIST
IS VASTLY
SUPERIOR TO
ANGELS

(we'll be getting back to those angels later)

SO WHAT??

(when're we gonna
get to tonight's
verses???)

IF WE INSIST ON _____
SO GREAT A _____

THEN THE _____
WILL NOT SAVE
US

IF WE INSIST ON
NEGLECTING
SO GREAT A SALVATION
THEN THE LAW
WILL NOT SAVE
US

IF WE INSIST ON _____
JUDGES
WE _____ THE GREATER

AND THE GREATER

IF WE INSIST ON LESSER
JUDGES
WE NEGLECT THE GREATER
JUDGE
AND THE GREATER
SALVATION

IF THE SAME _____

_____ AND

_____ AND WE NEGLECT

_____ THEN...

IF THE SAME JUDGE
CONDEMNNS AND SAVES

AND WE NEGLECT
SALVATION THEN...

DUH!!!

SO... WHO IS

WE!?

TIME FOR
TONIGHT'S
VERSES!

HEB 10:26-31

FOR IF WHO?

FOR IF WHO?
DOES WHAT?

FOR IF WHO?
DOES WHAT?
AFTER WHAT?

FOR IF WHO?
DOES WHAT?
AFTER WHAT?
THEN WHAT!?

SO

CAN

!?!?

SO
WE
CAN LOSE
OUR
SALVATION!?!?

IF _____
THE _____
RESULTS IN

IF SETTING ASIDE

THE LAW

RESULTS IN

DEATH

THEN WHAT
WOULD

RESULT IN?!

THEN WHAT
WOULD

REGARDING AS UNCLEAN THE SANCTIFYING BLOOD
INSULTING THE SPIRIT OF GRACE
TRAMPLING UNDERFOOT THE SON OF GOD

RESULT IN?!

DUHHHHH!!!

Although, kind of
weird...

What's the point of
even more so

???

What's the point of

even moreso

(insert any hopeless condemnation here)

???

What's the point of
even moreso

(insert any hopeless condemnation here)

???

(do this, you're hopelessly damned)

What's the point of
even moreso

(insert any hopeless condemnation here)

???

(do this, you're hopelessly damned)

(do that, you're... uh...)

What's the point of even **moreso**

(insert any hopeless condemnation here)

???

(do this, you're hopelessly damned)

(do that, you're... uh...)

(you're even more hopelessly damned)

Anyway... moving on...

Compare with
HEB 12:18-29

DON'T _____

because if _____

were _____

DON'T REFUSE
JESUS (GOD)
because if the Jews
were condemned

HOW MUCH MORE
SHALL

—
BE

!

HOW MUCH MORE

SHALL

WE

BE

CONDEMNED!

HEB

3:7

THROUGH

4:13

WHO'S BEING
ADDRESSED?

WHO'S BEING
ADDRESSED?
THREAT AGAINST
WHO?

WHO'S BEING
ADDRESSED?
THREAT AGAINST
WHO?
JUST LIKE WHO?

BTW,

4:12

&

12:15-17

...though wait,
kind of weird...

“We shall _____
just as He has said,
‘They shall

””

“We shall REST
just as He has said,
‘They shall
never be entering
into My rest.’”

??????

Why would that
count as reinsurance
for us??

Meanwhile...

HEB 6:4-8

Same principles?

OMG!!!
EVERYONE
PANIC!!!!

(‘how can I be sure of my salvation?!?’)
(different schools of Christian ‘soteriology’
and how they relate to things like Heb 10)

A

THING

TO FALL INTO THE

HANDS

A TERRIFYING
THING
TO FALL INTO THE
HANDS
OF THE...

God??

Angry

Hateful

Wrathful

God??

~~Angry~~

~~Hateful~~

~~Wrathful~~

LIVING

God??

Still terrifying though.

So...

So what?

What difference?

Hopelessly damned

==

hopelessly damned

right?

Even-more-hopelessly
damned

>>

only hopelessly
damned right?

Maybe we should
check just how well
we know Him
Who said:

“Vengeance is Mine!

I will repay!”

“Vengeance is Mine!

I will repay!”

and

“The LORD will
judge His people!”

waitamminute

___ people??

waitamminute

HIS people??

If they're being

how are they still

?

If they're being
hopelessly punished
how are they still
HIS people??

Maybe it's because
_____?

Maybe it's because
the Lord shall
never forsake them?

(Heb 13:5; Deut 31:6)

But --
The Lord does

those who

Him

But --

The Lord does

FORSAKE

those who

FORSAKE Him!

Doesn't He?

Like with

at Heb 12:16-17?

And _____?

Doesn't He?
Like with
Esau
at Heb 12:16-17?
And the Jews?

God permanently
hopelessly
forsook them

right?

Like in _____
quoted by the Hebraist
at Heb 10:30.

Which is why he
quoted it -- right?

Like in Deut 30:35-36
quoted by the Hebraist
at Heb 10:30.

Which is why he
quoted it -- right?

Maybe we should
check the ref there
to see just how
hopelessly forsaken
rebel Israel is.

Wha!?!?!

The Lord shall _____
who??

Wha!?!?

The Lord shall

vindicate

who??

And will have
WHAT?

And will have
WHAT?

Compassion
on them??

When WHAT?!

When they are so
totally destroyed
(their strength so gone)
that there is not even
slave or free!

Scary, yes

but also

!!

Scary, yes

but also

HOPEFUL!!

And the promises
as well as the threats
include _____

as well as

And the promises
as well as the threats
include the nations
as well as
Israel

So!
The Hebraist isn't
talking about

after all

So!

The Hebraist isn't
talking about
hopeless punishment
after all

not even for

not even for
THE WORST KIND
OF SINNER!!

He's talking about

from

NOT from

He's talking about
losing
salvation
from punishment
NOT from sin!

Just like
in
HEB 12
(time to read
whole chapter)

God _____
(which includes
_____)
WHO??

God DISCIPLINES

(which includes

PUNISHING)

those He intends

to be inheritors!

But, doesn't Heb 3-4
say

?

But, doesn't Heb 3-4

say

“They shall NEVER
enter into My rest”

?

Actually, in Greek,
it reads,

“If they shall be
entering into My
resting--!”

stop
period

Could be read as hyperbole

(For example, “I’ll be danged if they’ll be entering into My resting)

But in the NT
the phrasing
(from Aramaic)
is always
predictive

For example

John 6:62

“This is snaring you?! [i.e. the flesh munching statements just previously] If then you should be beholding the Son of Man ascending where He was formerly--!”

In other words
how much more so
or what will you do
when this occurs?

The point is lost
if the event
does not happen!

If the form is
‘Negative, so what if
positive?’
then negative needs
changing

TO MATCH
THE COMING
POSITIVE!

So what needs
changing?

So what needs
changing?
Rebellion.

How?

By _____.

Which actually means
(in Greek)

_____ of _____.

How?

By repentance.

Which actually means

(in Greek)

change of mind.

Hey, do those
chapters in EpistHeb
(chps 3 and 4)
have anything to do
with repentance?

(hint: 'heck' yes. {g})

Repent when?



Repent when?

“Today”

Offer is good
for how long?

Offer is good
for how long?

“As long as it is called
Today.”

Not only the day
of the wilderness
but also the day
of the Psalmist.

Not only the day
of the Psalmist
but also the day
of the Hebraist.

Not only the day
of the Hebraist
but also the day
of the Lord to come.

Is offer of salvation
from *punishment*
good for that long?

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from *punishment*
good for that long?

No.

It is appointed for
Man to die once
and then
the

It is appointed for
Man to die once
and then
the
crisising!

In Greek
“judgment”
= same word
we get “crisis” from.

Also, Christ is coming
to judge all
to render to everyone
according to his work
(or to His!)

Both ideas are found
in Epistle to Hebrews
(also elsewhere, duh)

But, punishment
is intended to lead
to

Repentance
Salvation
Righteousness

all from God

(not originating by works of man)

(but we're expected to cooperate)

Most pertinent
example:
(see Deut)

(surprise?)

Most pertinent
example:
(see Deut)
Moses!
(surprise!)

But no one doubts
Moses will enter
into God's rest!

And Moses testifies
to salvation of
those who die
as rebel Israel
too.

With promises
as well as threats
good for

as well as _____

With promises
as well as threats
good for
NATIONS (pagans)
as well as ISRAEL.

But why not have

instead?

But why not have
hopeless punishment
instead?

(sounds easier anyway!)

Because
God is essentially



(if orthodox trinitarianism is true)

Because
God is essentially
LOVE!

(if orthodox trinitarianism is true)
(a main reason why ortho-trin is important)

Also because
(Heb 4:15-16)

(if two-natures doctrine of ortho-trin is true)

Also because
God goes the distance
sympathizing with us

(if two-natures doctrine of ortho-trin is true)

(a main reason why doctrine of two natures of Christ
is so important)

But, didn't _____
find no place for
his _____
and so lost
_____?

But, didn't Esau
find no place for
his repentance
and so lost
his inheritance?

In one way, the inheritance was never Esau's to lose in the first place.

(God had chosen beforehand who would have it: Jacob)

And actually, he
wasn't _____,
because he still
_____ his
_____.

And actually, he
wasn't repenting,
because he still
hated his
brother!

(Who, by the way,
acted rather Satany
to claim his
inheritance!

Plenty of blame to go around.)

Did Esau hate his
brother forever?
(And did Jacob get
away with acting
Satany?)

Read Genesis
and find out!

(spoiler: no. {g})

Actually, a provision
was left in for Esau.

Reconcile with his
brother and be blessed
with his brother's
blessing!

That was a major
theme in the
Synoptics,
too.

Speaking of
archetypal
Biblical enemies
reconciling...

REMEMBER
THOSE ANGELS?!

FROM HEB 1:6?!

(TOLD YOU WE'D BE
GETTING BACK TO THEM!)

THE HEBRAIST IS
QUOTING
PSALM 97.
WHO ARE THOSE
ANGELS?

!!!

(surprise! {G!})

HOLY CHRIST!!

GOD REALLY
WINS!!!!

SO, SPEAKING
OF THOSE REBELS
BECOMING LOYAL
AGAIN...

(and in context of idolatry of
believing “angels” gave Law)

JUST HOW GREAT
IS GOD'S

?



JUST HOW GREAT
IS GOD'S
SALVATION?

YET IF WE
NEGLECT
SO GREAT A
SALVATION
THEN...

(but a lot more can be said
on this topic.)