



# THE MESSENGER

## APRIL 10, 2022

### NEWS AND NOTES

**Congregational Meeting**  
April 17

**Weekly Bible Studies**  
Tuesdays on Zoom, 10  
Friday, 12:30, Fayette Mall  
food court

Saturday, 10, Panera  
(Georgetown)

**Times of Service**  
**Sunday**

Bible study: 9:45 AM  
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

**Wednesday**  
Bible study: 7:30 PM  
(Immediately followed by a  
short worship service)

**First Friday of Month**  
**Singing**  
March 4, 7:30

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### MEDITATIONS ON HEBREWS (2:1-4)

It is obvious from the first chapter of the letter to the Hebrews that there is no relationship closer than that between God and His Son. To whom could the Son possibly be compared? Certainly not to those sin-prone human beings, the very ones in desperate need of a divine plan for reconciliation. Perhaps, then, to those heavenly created beings, the angels, of whom nothing bad is ever written in the scriptures, with the exception of the devil and his angels. What a worthy group of divine beings who dwell in the abode of God and have carried out the instructions of the Lord in many of the most momentous events in history. Two angels, Michael and Gabriel, are named as archangels, but God never called any of them His Son, and He never told any of them to sit at His right hand. Furthermore, and most significantly, He told the angels to worship the Son, not the other way around.

Why go to this extreme to prove the obvious? Why place so much emphasis upon the Son of God? Recall how this letter begins: In addition to all the ways God communicated in the past, now in these last days He is speaking through His Son, the divine Prophet, Priest, and King. Then chapter 2 begins with “therefore.” Therefore, the recipients of God’s message given through His Son must pay much closer attention to what we have heard. Notice the imperative contained in the word “must.” God would not have spoken through His Son if the message was not of utmost importance. Therefore, the attention given to that message must be much closer. Much closer than what? Much closer than any other message given by anyone else.

Peter would often make statements of profound truth, but I wonder if he realized, at the time he spoke, just how profound. In John 6, among the happenings recorded is Jesus’

## **Members Needing Our Prayers**

Joyce Bolton, Pat Seabolt, Rick Small, Ralph Fox, Benny Poynter, Janet Brundige, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

## **Others Needing Prayers**

Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Adam Fusco, Rachel and Sarah White, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Debbie Lanphear, Veronica Bowman

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proclamation, “I am the bread of life,” and subsequent discourse. The chapter closes with many of His followers turning away from him. Jesus asked his apostles if they would leave also. Peter responded, *“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”* (John 6:68-69) God the Father spoke the words of eternal life through God the Son. Would you choose not to give it your utmost attention?

Lack of attention to the words of eternal life takes many forms, but they all result in a drifting away. Failure to receive the word with all eagerness and examine the Scriptures daily like the Bereans (Acts 17:11); being unable to rightly handle the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15); or deserting the gospel of Christ to go after some distortion (Galatians 1:6-9) all lead to the same end: a just retribution.

There is an additional point to be made from this passage. If I do not give God’s word proper attention then I am not giving God, His Son, or the gift of His Son proper attention. One can ignore God now, but there will be no escaping God’s just retribution if we neglect His great salvation. John Thompson

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