

Title: The Hot Potato Message – Hebrews 1:14-2:9

Read:

¹⁴Isn't it obvious that all angels are sent to help out with those lined up to receive salvation? ¹⁻⁴It's crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we've heard so that we don't drift off. If the old message delivered by the angels was valid and nobody got away with anything, do you think we can risk neglecting this latest message, this magnificent salvation? First of all, it was delivered in person by the Master, then accurately passed on to us by those who heard it from him. All the while God was validating it with gifts through the Holy Spirit, all sorts of signs and miracles, as he saw fit. The Salvation Pioneer ⁵⁻⁹God didn't put angels in charge of this business of salvation that we're dealing with here. It says in Scripture, What is man and woman that you bother with them; why take a second look their way? You made them not quite as high as angels, bright with Eden's dawn light; Then you put them in charge of your entire handcrafted world. When God put them in charge of everything, nothing was excluded. But we don't see it yet, don't see everything under human jurisdiction. What we do see is Jesus, made "not quite as high as angels," and then, through the experience of death, crowned so much higher than any angel, with a glory "bright with Eden's dawn light." In that death, by God's grace, he fully experienced death in every person's place.

Think:

Knowledge often comes with responsibility. If someone confides in you, you have a responsibility not to blab about them and use their confidence in you against them. If you find out that a particular road is dangerous, you have a responsibility to warn as many people as you can not to go down that road. When Jesus came, God brought us a new message. If you've heard that message, then you have a responsibility to respond. God's put a lot of trust in men and women by sharing these things with them, and that's because He loves us. Our correct response is to love Him back, by not neglecting our responsibility in regard to this new message of salvation. The message is that Jesus "experienced death in every person's place" so that we can have eternal life. If you know this for yourself, then it is your responsibility to do your part in making sure everybody gets a chance to hear about it. This is a message that has been passed on since the time of Christ, and will be passed on until He comes again. So let's not allow ourselves to be a weak link in that chain.

Pray:

Thank You Lord that you've kept this message alive for two thousand years. Thank you for all the people who have faithfully and accurately passed on the message of salvation down through the ages. Give me the strength to be one of those people, so that future generations will keep on hearing this good news, until You come again to fulfil the message completely. Amen

Action:

Do you find it difficult or embarrassing to share your faith with friends? If so find a Christian leader or friend you trust, and ask them how they overcome their fear of sharing. Get them to pray with you for courage.