CHAPTER

2

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Don’t drift; the Brother who tasted death

Hebrews 2:1–18 · Eighteen verses · Song: “Not Ashamed”

The picture: A small boat drifting away from its mooring post; on the shore a man in a plain robe reaches out to bring it back.



PICTURE WORD

Brother

THE CHAPTER IN BRIEF

on’t drift away. The Son became our brother to free us from death.

Remember it: TWO: the boat drifts, the Brother pulls it back.

MEMORY VERSE

Because he himself suffered when he was tested, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2:18 · the author’s translation

GREEK WORD

ἀδελφοὺς

“brothers” · verse 11

In Hebrews: ten times, in 6 chapters

The one who makes people holy “is not ashamed to call them brothers” (2:11), and he says so with Psalm 22:22. To be our high priest he had to become like his brothers in every way (2:17). Then the preacher calls his listeners “holy brothers” (3:1).

HOW THE CHAPTER MOVES

1–4	Don’t drift: so great a salvation, confirmed by signs and wonders.
5–9	Psalm 8: we see Jesus, lower than the angels for a while, now crowned.
10–13	He is not ashamed to call us brothers.
14–18	He shared flesh and blood to break death’s power: a merciful high priest.

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

v. 6–8 ← Ps 8:4–6 Man crowned with glory and honor.

v. 12 ← Ps 22:22 “I will declare your name to my brothers.”

v. 13 ← Isa 8:17 “I will put my trust in him.”

v. 13 ← Isa 8:18 The children God has given me.

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Hebrews 2 sung in the **Hebrews by Heart** app, or free at **ispress.de/hebrews/songs/2**.

The song: “Not Ashamed.” Every verse of the chapter is sung.

Don’t drift · The Son made like his brothers · Victory over death and the devil · A merciful and faithful high priest

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Don't _____ away. The Son became our _____ to free us from _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. Why must we pay closer attention to what we have heard?

- (A) So that we do not drift away
- (B) So that we can teach angels
- (C) So that we can earn salvation
- (D) So that we can see signs

2. Why did Jesus taste death?

- (A) Only for the angels
- (B) For himself
- (C) For everyone, by God's grace
- (D) Only for Abraham

3. From what did Jesus free those held in slavery all their lives?

- (A) Poverty
- (B) The fear of death
- (C) The law of Moses
- (D) Their enemies

TALK IT OVER

1. What does "drifting" look like in a Christian's life? How does it start?

2. Jesus is "not ashamed" to call us brothers. How does that change the way you see yourself?

3. Verse 18 says he can help those who are being tested. Where do you need that help now?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES HEBREWS 2 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I can say 2:18 by heart
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: drift · brother · death · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 1) · 2. C (v. 9) · 3. B (v. 15)