Salvation Series Lesson #001 September 4, 2002

Dean Bible Ministries www.deanbibleministries.org © 2002, Dr. Robert L. Dean, Jr. Heb. 2:1, "For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

Heb. 2:2, "For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense," Heb. 2:3, "how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

Heb. 2:4, "God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will."

What are we saved from? What are the mechanics of salvation? How are we saved? Who saves us? What does it mean to be saved? On what basis are we saved? What are the conditions of salvation? When are we saved? Can salvation be lost? Why doesn't God save all? Can we have 100% certainty of salvation? What must we believe to be saved?

Some secondary questions: How young can a person be saved? What about those who are too young to understand the gospel? What is the gospel?

I. What is Salvation?

<u>Eph. 2:8</u>, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;" <u>1 Cor. 1:18</u>, "For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being *saved* it is the power of God." <u>Rom. 5:9</u>, "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be *saved* from the wrath of God through Him."

II. Why should God save man?

1. Man is made "in the image" [\mthbf{Mmd} \xB], betsalmenu] and "according to the likeness" \mt\mt\mt\ki, kidmutenu] of God. White [XB], *betsalmenu:* an image, likeness, a resemblance, a representation

MtMmdKi, kidmutenu: a likeness, a similarity

2. "Image" describes first man's immaterial make-up; the composition of his soul.

<u>Gen. 5:3</u>, "Adam became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image,

<u>Gen. 9:6</u>, "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man." 3. These terms explain not merely that man is "in" the image of God, but that he *is* the image of God. 4. Man was thus created to fulfill the role as God's vicegerent, His personal representative and ruler over creation. What he is is inseparably linked to what he is to do: rule.