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# HEBREWS

BOOK STUDY

## Hebrews 2:5-18

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# Overview

- This section continues the argument of Christ's superiority over angels (1:5-14) but shifts from His exaltation to the means by which that exaltation was achieved — **His humiliation through incarnation**. Through His identification with mankind, Jesus:
  - 1. Restores humanity's lost dominion (vv. 5-9),
  - 2. Perfects salvation through suffering (vv. 10-13), and
  - 3. Secures redemption and priestly sympathy for the tempted (vv. 14-18).

# Hebrews 2:5-9

- <sup>5</sup> For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.
- <sup>6</sup> But one testified in a certain place, saying: *“What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?”*
- <sup>7</sup> *You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.*

## Hebrews 2:5-9

- <sup>8</sup> *You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”*
- For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.
- <sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

## HUMILIATION BY MEANS OF INCARNATION (2:5-9)

- A. The Context of Contrast (v. 5):
- Angels mediated the old covenant (Deut 33:2; Acts 7:53).
- The “world to come” is not subjected to angels but to the Son of Man—Christ.
- The Son’s superiority is displayed not in avoiding humanity but in entering it.

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- B. Psalm 8:4-6 Quoted (vv. 6-8a): The author cites Psalm 8 to highlight God's original design for mankind.
- Humanity made "a little lower than the angels." Crowned with glory and honor. Given dominion over creation (Gen 1:26-28).
- The psalmist is amazed that finite humans receive divine care and authority.

## HUMILIATION BY MEANS OF INCARNATION (2:5-9)

- C. Humanity's Lost Dominion (v. 8b): "Yet we do not see all things subjected to him."
- Humanity was granted dominion but lost it through sin.
- The image of God is marred; creation is in bondage (Rom 8:20-22).

## HUMILIATION BY MEANS OF INCARNATION (2:5-9)

- D. Christ Restores Dominion (v. 9):
- “But we see Jesus” — the turning point! Jesus, made for a little while lower than angels, experienced humiliation and suffering to restore what Adam lost.
- His death leads to glory and honor, fulfilling Psalm 8. “By the grace of God He might taste death for everyone” — substitutionary atonement.

## Hebrews 2:10-18

- <sup>10</sup> For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
- <sup>11</sup> For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,
- <sup>12</sup> saying: “*I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.*”

## Hebrews 2:10-18

- <sup>13</sup> And again: *“I will put My trust in Him.”* And again: *“Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.”*
- <sup>14</sup> Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
- <sup>15</sup> and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

## Hebrews 2:10-18

- <sup>16</sup> For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.
- <sup>17</sup> Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- <sup>18</sup> For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

# **SOLIDARITY WITH HUMANITY AS SAVIOR AND HIGH PRIEST (2:10-18)**

- A. Perfected Through Suffering (2:10-13)
  - 1. Divine Purpose in Suffering (v. 10): “It was fitting for Him” — morally appropriate and divinely necessary.
  - God ordained that salvation would come through the suffering of His Son.
  - Christ became the archēgos — the pioneer/champion of salvation, leading His people in a new exodus.

# **SOLIDARITY WITH HUMANITY AS SAVIOR AND HIGH PRIEST (2:10-18)**

- A. Perfected Through Suffering (2:10-13)
- 2. Consecration and Family Identity (v. 11):  
“The one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one [Father].” Jesus consecrates His people as fellow members of God’s family. “He is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.”

# **SOLIDARITY WITH HUMANITY AS SAVIOR AND HIGH PRIEST (2:10-18)**

- A. Perfected Through Suffering (2:10-13)
- 3. Scriptural Testimony (vv. 12-13): Psalm 22:22 – Christ praises God among His people. Isaiah 8:17 – Jesus models trust in God. Isaiah 8:18 – Christ presents His redeemed family before God.

### **III. SOLIDARITY IN HIS HIGH PRIESTLY WORK (2:14-18)**

- A. Sharing in Flesh and Blood (v. 14): To defeat death, He had to enter it. “Shared in their humanity” = full participation. Purpose: “That through death He might destroy (katargeō) him who had the power of death — the devil.”
- B. Deliverance from Fear (v. 15): Humanity enslaved by “fear of death.” Christ’s resurrection replaces terror with hope.

### **III. SOLIDARITY IN HIS HIGH PRIESTLY WORK (2:14-18)**

- C. The Scope of His Help (v. 16): He “takes hold of” Abraham’s seed — covenant faithfulness fulfilled in Christ.
- D. The Necessity of Incarnation (v. 17): “He had to be made like His brothers in every way.” For this He became a merciful and faithful High Priest, making atonement for the sins of the people.
- E. His Empathy and Empowerment (v. 18): “Because He Himself suffered when tempted, He is able to help those being tempted.” He gives strength, not mere sympathy.

## LIFE APPLICATION LESSONS

- 1. Humility precedes glory — True greatness comes by submission and obedience to God's will (Phil 2:5-11).
- 2. Christ identifies with our weaknesses — Therefore, no believer suffers alone.
- 3. Fear of death is conquered — The cross transforms the ultimate enemy into a servant of glory.
- 4. Our High Priest intercedes faithfully — His atonement secures continual access (Heb 4:16).
- 5. We are family with the King — Our identity is rooted in divine adoption, not worldly status.

# Summary (1 of 2)

- Superiority Through Suffering: The Incarnate Son Who Brings Many to Glory
- Text: Hebrews 2:5-18
- Key Verse: “But we see Jesus...” (Heb 2:9)
- 1. The Humiliation of Christ (vv. 5-9) – He lowered Himself to lift us.
- 2. The Perfection of Christ (vv. 10-13) – He suffered to sanctify us.
- 3. The Priesthood of Christ (vv. 14-18) – He died to deliver us.

## Summary (2 of 2)

- Main Idea: Christ's incarnation reveals His superiority—not by escaping human weakness, but by conquering sin, death, and Satan through it.
- Life Response: Because Jesus became one of us and triumphed for us, we live fearlessly and faithfully as sons and daughters sharing His glory.