

Hebrews 2:5-18, Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - Dominion Restored.

Hebrews 2:5-8

God gave man dominion over the earth (Gen. 1:26-28), and appointed Him over the works of His hands (Heb. 2:7). But because of mankind's fall into sin, "we do not yet see all things subjected to him" (Heb. 2:8). Creation "groans" under the effects of the fall (Rom. 8:19-22). Floods, hurricanes, drought, disease and death wreak havoc on our planet. But the argument of Hebrews 2 is this: For those who hold fast to this "great salvation" (Heb. 2:3), man's dominion shall be restored in "the world to come" (Heb. 2:5); that is, in "a new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pet. 3:13). Then, throughout eternity, heaven and earth shall be subject to glorified humanity.

Read 2 Timothy 2:12

☐ Tuesday - Lower than the Angels?

Hebrews 2:5-8

"What is man, that Thou rememberest him? Or the son of man, that Thou art concerned about him? Thou hast made him for a little while lower than the angels" (Heb. 2:6-7). "But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone" (Heb. 2:9). At His incarnation, Christ "emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant" (Phil. 2:7). His deity and glory, though undiminished, were nevertheless veiled in human flesh. Yes, Christ veiled His glory beneath that of the very angels that He created. O how low the Son of God humbled Himself to bring about this "great salvation" (Heb. 2:3). Read Phil. 2:5-11

☐ Wednesday - The Author of Our Salvation.

Hebrews 2:10

"For it was fitting for Him [God, the Father] to perfect the Author of their salvation [God, the Son] through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10). Christ needed not to be perfected in holiness, for He was sinless (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:22). Yet to be perfectly fitted to be our Savior required His suffering and death on our behalf. Moreover, as the *Author* of our salvation (Greek: *Archegos*, forerunner, trailblazer), Christ has blazed a trail through the field of human suffering for His people to follow. His way to the crown was by the cross.

Read Matthew 16:24; Philippians 3:10

☐ Thursday - A Suitable High Priest.

Hebrews 2:14

A priest is a mediator between God and man. Every person needs a priest, because every person has sinned (Rom. 3:23). Mankind's sin has produced a breach (Isa. 59:2), open hostility (Rom. 8:7), and alienation (Col 1:21), between God and man. But who can perfectly represent both God and man? For this Christ was born the perfect God-Man. "Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same" (Heb. 2:14). "Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Heb. 2:17). Read 1 Timothy 2:5

☐ Friday - He is a Very Present Help.

Hebrews 2:18

"For since [Christ] Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted" (Heb. 2:18). God does not allow his children to be tempted, tested or tried beyond what they are able to withstand (1 Cor. 10:13); that is, He prescribes limits to our trials (cf. Job 1:12). Not so for His own Son. When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, no limits were placed on Christ's temptations, no holds were barred, the gloves were off (Matt 4:1-11). Though He had no sin nature, Jesus understands human temptation, better than you and I ever will. Therefore, "He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted." When you are tempted, dear Christian, call upon Jesus. He is "a very present help in times of trouble." (Psa. 46:1). Read Hebrews 4:15-16