

Hebrews 2:9-18

LESSON 06

The Son Made Flesh

1. Hebrews 2:5-8

- a. The Son of God is made partaker of flesh and blood, why? John 1:14
- b. Christ becoming man affirms his deity it does not deny or diminish it
- c. The dominion of man over the earth, not angels, is prophesied - Ps 8:4-6
- d. The world to come would be made subject to him as the Son of Man

2. Hebrews 2:9-10

- a. As a man he could suffer death (men die, angels and God do not)
- b. *"crowned with glory and honour"* - 2 Pet 1:17
- c. *"it became him"* - it was not something out of character
- d. *"captain of their salvation"* - He was the Prince of life - Acts 3:15/5:31
- e. As a man he could become a perfect captain of salvation (sufferings then glory)

3. Hebrews 2:11-13

- a. As a man he could be one with his brethren (children of Israel)
- b. 2:11 - Sanctifier and the sanctified - contrast to Rom 3:26
- c. Paul says Christ declares us righteous, Hebrews says he declares them separate
- d. 2:16 - His brethren are Hebrews - seed of Abraham
- e. *"I will declare.."* - Ps 22:22 - the church here is a congregation like in Ac 7:38
- f. *"I and the children"* - Isaiah 7:4, 8:1-4, 8:17-18 - see also John 17:6

4. Hebrews 2:14-18

- a. As a man he could destroy Satan - See 1 John 3:9 and John 8:44-49
- b. As a man he could deliver Israel from death - but we are 2 Tim 1:7
- c. *"took on him"* - he did not lay aside any deity attribute, he only added humanity
- d. As a man he could be a merciful and faithful high priest - later in Hebrews
- e. As a man he knows what it is like to suffer temptation - suffer being the key word

Reasons the Son of God was Made Flesh

The Son of God is greater than angels (Heb 1), but he was made lower than the angels in flesh and blood (John 1:14, Heb 2:14). False teachers denied Christ came in the flesh (1 John 4:2). Some made him into an angel or a spiritual being, and others who did not believe would deny Jesus was Christ because he was a man. For what purpose did he need to be a man? Did being a man make him inferior? Hebrews 2 explains that it does not.

1. As a man the world to come could be made subject to him
2. As a man he could suffer death (men die, angels and God do not)
3. As a man he could become a perfect captain of salvation (sufferings then glory)
4. As a man he could be one with his brethren (the seed of Abraham)
5. As a man he could destroy Satan (who has the power of death)
6. As a man he could deliver Israel from death (by purging their sins, new covenant)
7. As a man he could be a merciful and faithful high priest (making reconciliation)
8. As a man he could succour men who are tempted