

Lesson 4 - Hebrews 2:10-18

Main Idea: By becoming a man and experiencing the trial of temptation and the agony of death, Jesus Christ, our faithful high priest, destroys the power of Satan, helps those being tempted, and provides full atonement for the sons of his people.

Introduction

In this section we continue following the author's argument that Jesus and his ministry is superior to the angels. In so doing we discover just how great that ministry is and what it says about the Saviour and its impact upon those who trust in him. Two words to keep in mind as you go through this section; identity and atonement.

Study Questions

1. The Trinity is distinctly Christian. In what ways do the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit act for our salvation?
2. What are some other verses or phrases in Scripture that beautifully capture a summary of the work and ministry of Jesus the way "bringing many sons and daughters to glory" does in 2:10?
3. In 2:10-13, the author cites Psalm 22:22 and Isaiah 8:17b-18 to show that the followers of the one unique Son of God are now also called "sons", for they are adopted in to the newly formed redeemed human family through Jesus' perfect life and sacrifice. What are the benefits of being a son of God or brother to Jesus Christ?
4. How does the author stress Jesus' complete identity with people in 2:11-13?
5. Why did Jesus have to share human nature completely (see 2:14-18)?
6. What three purposes for Christ's death do you see in 2:14-17?
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7. Since Jesus was sinless, suffering did not make him morally or spiritually perfect. How then did suffering make the “pioneer of . . . salvation perfect” (2:10)? According to 2:18, in what area did suffering make Christ perfect?
8. In verse 17 we read that through Christ God would “make atonement” (“propitiation” in the ESV), for the sins of the people” Just what does this mean both theologically and practically (see Whole Bible Connections below)?

Whole Bible Connections

Propitiation¹. The word “propitiation” conveys the sense of an atoning sacrifice that satisfies the wrath of God against sin (Rom. 3:25; Heb. 2:17). Throughout redemption history, God’s righteous anger is shown as needing to be appeased before the sin of God’s people could be forgiven. The final propitiation by Christ, making full payment for sin once and for all, is foreshadowed several times in the Old Testament (Ex. 32:11-14; Num. 25:8; Josh. 7:25-26). Where the Old Testament sacrifices failed, Jesus succeeded in once for all propitiating God’s wrath against the sin of his people.

Personal Reflection

- In what ways do you magnify the glory of God in your life? At work? At home? In what areas could you improve your magnification of the Lord?
- What do find ind are the most challenging areas to overcome?
- How does the fact that Jesus “had to be like his brothers and sisters” comfort you? How does the indispensability of his incarnation encourage you in your day-to-day life?

¹ Matthew Capps pg. 24