

Hebrews - Jesus the Final Word: So Great a Salvation

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Hebrews 2:2-18

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Reflection & Discussion

At the beginning of Hebrews 2 the author says every violation of the law deserves punishment

Humans are remarkable adept at self-justification.

*Why can it be difficult for us to connect with deserving punishment? Do you experience this in your own life?

*How can appreciating our fallenness help us to appreciate the greatness of salvation? What helps you in this?

We lost the freedom and authority we'd been given because we chose selfishness

Read and discuss Hebrews 2:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified:

*"What is mankind that you are mindful of them,
a son of man that you care for him?*

⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels;
you crowned them with glory and honor

⁸ and put everything under their feet."

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them.

*Why do you think the author begins with what were created for before talking about what we lost?

*How do you see the truth that life is not at present subject to us? Do you have an example of exercising self-centered authority in your own life?

Jesus gains true authority by loving us enough to die for us

Read and discuss Hebrews 2:9 (NIV)

⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

*What do you see as the connection between authority and the willingness to sacrifice?

*Has Jesus' sacrifice given him authority in your own life? Why or why not?

We have been attached to the family tree of Jesus

Read and discuss Hebrews 2:10-13 (NIV)

¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

*"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises."*

¹³ And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

*What does this passage say about what comes from our attachment?

*What does the word ‘pioneer’ in verse 10 say to you about Jesus?

* What does it feel like to be a part of Jesus’ lineage? What does that mean for your life?

Because Jesus broke the power of death, we can live fearless lives

Read and discuss Hebrews 2:14-15 (NIV)

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

*What is the difference between bravery and fearlessness?

*What hope does this passage provide?

*Sit with the image of Jesus as the pioneer and pathfinder into death. How does this affect you?

*What is the Spirit saying to you about living in light of this chapter of Hebrews?

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