We See Jesus

2-2-25

Hebrews 2:5 (ESV)

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking.

This morning we are going to look at Hebrews 2:5-18 which is packed full of theology that may seem to fall short of practical application. However, in the last verse, God says by understanding this theology, we will know Jesus is able to help us in this life now. Verses 5 through 18 are stunning and explain the ministry of Jesus and how HIS suffering and death perfected the work of God. I am not going to quote all these verses, so please take time to examine this Scripture. First of all, we see that God did not subject the world to angels, but to man. We see that man was created to rule over this world. Verse 8 says of man, "God put everything in subjection under his feet and left nothing outside of his control." But because Adam fell, man fell, verse 8 continues, "We do not yet see everything in subjection to man," which means man failed his intended purpose. Man failed and verse 9 continues, "But we see Jesus with everything subject to HIM."

Huge doctrinal point, man failed but we see Jesus. Jesus was the perfect man, fully man fully God. Jesus through his own suffering experienced every pain we will ever experience. Jesus did what no one else could. HE became sin and experienced death. Thus, HE completed God's intended perfection. Jesus who "sets apart" and those Jesus "set apart" now all have one source, the Father. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. Therefore, Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters living together with us in relationship for all eternity. Note Jesus created a relationship with us. Since Jesus created all things, HE is the One who can reconcile all things.

Hebrews 2:10 (ESV)

For it was fitting that Jesus, for whom and by whom all things exist, to bring many sons to glory.

Jesus died to bring many sons to glory. That is us! Jesus by his suffering and death would be identified with man. Therefore, identified with man, Jesus says:

Hebrews 2:13 (ESV)

"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

Jesus is talking about us. Hebrews continues:

Hebrews 2:14 (ESV)

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, <u>Jesus himself likewise partook</u> of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

Jesus shared "flesh and blood" with HIS children. He came where we are. Through death Christ destroyed the power of death. Jesus purposely did this for me and you.

Hebrews 2:16 (ESV)

For surely it is not angels that Jesus helps, but <u>HE</u> <u>HEPLS</u> the offspring of Abraham.

The offspring of Abraham are us. <u>Jesus helps us!</u> Hebrews 2:17 (ESV)

Therefore, <u>Jesus had to be made like his brothers in every respect</u>, so that he might become a merciful and faithful "<u>high priest</u>" in the service of God, to make <u>propitiation</u> for the sins of the people.

Please note, Jesus is the High Priest. You want to understand the OT? Every place where you see the High Priest mentioned in the OT mark it out and write Jesus. The OT High Priest is a physical picture of Jesus and HIS ministry. In the OT the High Priest represents the people before God. The high priest makes atonement for the sins of the people. In the NT, the High Priest Jesus makes atonement by becoming the propitiation, which means becoming the sacrifice that is necessary to forgive sin and turn away the divine wrath of God. Jesus reconciled us to God and is with us in every situation!

Hebrews 2:18 (ESV)

For because Jesus himself has suffered when tempted as a man, <u>HE is able</u> to help those who are being tempted.

Because, Jesus suffered, HE can help us. Jesus experienced pain and suffering. He was not only ready to suffer, but he actually did suffer. Jesus suffered every temptation and trial we will suffer. Practical Application:

Jesus who has experienced pain, suffering, trials, and temptations will empower us and help us through everything this life throws at us.

Absolute Truth: We know, we have a friend in Jesus, who will help us here on this earth! Brothers and sisters, be fearless, we have a friend in Jesus that will never leave us or forsake us.

Our Assurance: Jesus will not deny us because he cannot deny Himself.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (ESV)

¹⁵ For we do not have an OT <u>high priest</u> who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but <u>Jesus who in every respect has been tempted as we are</u>, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that <u>we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need</u>.