

## HEBREWS 2:10-18 LESSON FOUR

Title: Pay Closest Attention to This Great Salvation Part 2

- I. Jesus, your perfect Savior, has made you His sister and freed you from the fear of death as your high priest.
- I. Review of Lessons 1-3
  - A. God has spoken to us in His Son> the Son is infinitely superior to the angels> we must pay closest attention to this great salvation
- II. Structure of passage
  - A. v. 10-13 God perfects Jesus through suffering to lead many sons to glory, making them His brothers and sisters, of whom He is not ashamed
  - B. v. 14-16 Jesus renders the devil powerless and liberates His brothers/sisters from fear of death
  - C. v. 17-18 By becoming a man and sharing temptations of men, Jesus is a merciful and faithful high priest on their behalf
  - D. Read beginning in v. 9
- III. v. 10-13
  - A. For it was fitting for Him for whom/through whom are all things
    1. Pronoun “Him” refers to God- He is the one bringing ‘sons’ to glory
    2. Why was it fitting for their Savior to suffer to save them?
      - a. Return to word spoken through angels and that spoken through the Lord
        - i. First revelation in the prophets revealed many attributes of God, but here the author is highlighting His justice- His law is unchangeable
        - ii. Salvation spoken through the Lord demonstrates His grace
        - iii. The suffering was fitting b/c God’s justice was satisfied in that He, in the person of His Son, fulfilled His own requirement stated in the Law and forgave/ was gracious to man
        - iv. Fulfilled His desire to bring many sons to share His glory

- b. Pg. 100 Hughes- he goes before them in suffering for their glory and leads them in the same way through suffering into glory
  - c. Important for this suffering group b/c they were tempted by their suffering to stop believing
3. To perfect the author- this raises another question
- a. As Son of God, Jesus is perfect- does not refer to moral perfection but to experiential perfecting
  - b. To perfect is to qualify Him-
    - i. reminiscent of the consecration of priests for their mission- it is functional
    - ii. Points back to high priest's consecration as the background, but at the same time forward to His bringing sons to glory
    - iii. God the Son entered into every experience of mankind living in the world which man had ruined with sin
  - c. Word archagos-many nuances
    - i. Author- He has written the story of redemption, every one of their days written in His book before they began
    - ii. Pioneer or leader- they were leaders/heads of tribes- great responsibility
      - I) Think of the 12 spies sent to check out the land and lead them in- Joshua
      - II) Jesus has trailblazed this road to glory through suffering
        - 1. This could bring calm to these suffering Christians as they understood that Jesus had traveled this same road to glory and was leading them as well.
    - iii. Champion-
      - I) Remember David and Goliath

II) Jesus has fought the battle on their behalf, b/c they were hopelessly enslaved to the evil one- this is more pronounced in second section

iv. Theme of God as warrior

B. v. 11 “for” explains more about why it was appropriate for Jesus to suffer- if you don’t get anything else from this teaching, please let this verse sink deeply into your soul

1. He states how they are like and unlike Jesus

a. Unlike Him-

i. He sanctifies them (cleanses, transforms, makes them holy) but they require sanctification.

ii. From v. 10- He leads to glory, they must be led

b. Like Him

i. All from one- Greek does not specify

I) Could be one man eg. Abraham

II) Could be one source eg. Mankind

III) Could be one Father

ii. IMPORTANT- main point is that for this reason He is not ashamed to call them brothers

I) This is a very special relationship

II) Solidarity that is quite unique in a good sib relationship

C. v. 12-13 He reinforces this teaching with Scripture

1. Linkage is indicated by “and again” vs. Just “and”

2. Psalm 22:22- (read v. 11 and on) immediately follows the suffering pointing to crucifixion-

a. As the leader of their salvation, He rejoices in the completion of His work and keeps pointing them forward through their sufferings

3. I will put my trust in Him- Greek adds emphasis on the word “I”

a. If He trusts God through suffering, they can too!

4. Ends with, "Behold I and the children whom God has given me."  
Isaiah 8:18
  - a. They are a gift from God to His Son- gifts from someone who is beloved are treasured, not just for the gift itself, but b/c of their source!
5. Lane- The fact that Jesus' confidence was fully vindicated after he had experienced suffering and affliction assured them that they could also trust God in difficult circumstances
  - a. Think of the closest ties in our lives- they are with people with whom we have endured hardship- relationships are tested and unbreakable bonds forged in the crucible of suffering together.

#### D. IMPLICATIONS

1. Jesus is your leader who has forged this path through suffering into glory- He will take you through all the perils and bring you safely to Himself
2. Jesus has made you holy and will continue to sanctify you- you need Him to stay on the path to His glory
3. Jesus is not ashamed to call you His own sister! Because He is God, He knows you perfectly, inside and out, past/present/future- nothing is hidden from Him
4. Jesus treasures you as a gift from His Father
5. No matter what you are going through, you can run to Him!
6. Pay closest attention to this great salvation!

#### IV. v. 14-16- the word 'children' in v. 13 introduces that topic

- A. v. 14 the children share (our natural condition) but the Son partook (a different state for Him) of flesh and blood
  1. v. 14 The Son became fully man 'so that' He might
    - a. Render the devil powerless- his biggest power over humanity is death, but Jesus used this very weapon to defeat him!
      - i. Here is the concept of champion who fought on their behalf
      - ii. John 13:27-28
    - b. v. 15 liberate the children from slavery to fear of death

- i. His audience was facing persecution and suffering, although they had not yet shed blood- they were probably fearful of dying for Christ
- ii. Fear of death produces an enormous amount of sinful, selfish behavior
- iii. There is appropriate fear of death that produces wisdom- we are not to put God to the test by acting foolishly

B. v. 16

- 1. He does not help angels- they do not die- here this topic ends
- 2. He helps the descendant of Abraham-
  - a. The sons brought to glory are not descendants of Moses
- 3. First mention of Abraham> big topic later in ch. 7

C. IMPLICATIONS

- 1. When you are tempted to fear death, remember that Jesus tasted death and used it to defeat the enemy who desires you to remain enslaved
- 2. Your death will not be something to fear, but a welcoming into His glory and kingdom where you will see Jesus face to face
- 3. Run to Him with your doubts and fears- He is your brother!
- 4. Pay closest attention to this great salvation!

V. v. 17-18

- A. “Therefore” precedes a conclusion that depends on the previous material
- B. He had to become fully man, “so that”> became merciful/faithful high priest>to fulfill God’s purpose in bringing many sons to glory by being the propitiation of sin
  - 1. Fulfills the word spoken through angels in v. 1
- C. Two functions of Jesus as high priest
  - 1. Fulfilled the things of God= active
  - 2. Make propitiation for the sins= passive- satisfied justice and appeased justified wrath of God
    - a. God provides His own Lamb

D. v. 18 His full participation in human experience of suffering temptation qualified Him to help them in their suffering

E. IMPLICATIONS

1. Jesus is always merciful toward you- RUN to Him when you are tempted, even when/ especially when you don't feel like it!
2. Jesus is your perfect High Priest who has satisfied God's wrath- you never need to fear God's wrath but can pray confidently for His help
3. Jesus understands EVERY temptation you face, no matter how hideous, and, as one who has withstood them all, is qualified to give you aid
4. Pay closest attention to this great salvation

VI. In summary

- A. The trajectory in chapters 1-2 moves from the infinite greatness of the one and only Son of God to His partaking of the flesh and blood of humanity with all its struggles and temptations moving on through them to glory and leading His people on that path. Look at who He is and look at what He has done
- B. Between these two pictures is the exhortation to pay closest attention to what this perfect Son of God has graciously done to redeem us from our hopelessly lost state.
- C. The Son, the King whose throne is forever, the eternally unchanging sovereign Creator accomplishes salvation by His perfect solidarity with those He comes to save as their leader, pioneer, brother, champion, and High Priest who pays the penalty for their sins and aids them on the road He has forged to bring them through suffering into eternal glory
- D. Pay closest attention to this great salvation!