



Hebrews 2:5-9

What is Man? 🔥 Sun, Oct 28th 2007

What is man? Why are we here? What is point of humanity?

- Accident or Creation. Evolved Germ of Chance, a Cosmic Joke, or Exalted Handiwork of God
- Is universal question – to one extent or another – everyone wrestled with
- Is a vital question – defines life for you

For many, life is random, accidental – evolving

Oliver Wendell Holmes & Charles Darwin

"I see no reason for attributing to man a significance different from that which belongs to a baboon or a grain of sand"

"The most efficient animal to every emerge on earth"

If accident – life becomes about being, fulfillment here

- Talk more Wed – in Ecclesiastes
- But simple point—can't be found— life here vanity

Thankfully it is not true, man is more than an accident

"The Holy Scriptures tell us what we could never learn any other way: they tell us what we are, who we are, how we got here, why we are here, and what we are required to do while we remain here."-A.W. Tozer

- What is man – very question in our text – **v.6**

Verses 6-8 – a quote from Psalm 8

- So, lets begin there – before get here...

I. Condition of Man

1. God's greatness – Ps 8:1-2

- a. Absolutely awesome....far above
- b. Uses, allows man-weakness to proclaim him-now

2. Man's Insignificance Ps 8:3-4, Heb 2:6

- a. In seeing God's great creation – comes face to face with how small we are – imagine it
- b. **Ps 139** – God is mindful, taking care of us-wow

3. Man's Honor – Ps 8:5, Heb 2:7

- a. God has made, crowned. Worth given by God

4. Man's Purpose – Ps 8:6, Heb 2:8

- a. Man was given a pivotal role in God's creation
 - i) Dominion, to care for, tend, be over
- b. **Gen 1:26-28** – man was given dominion

5. Man's Failure - Gen 3:16-19, Heb 2:8b

- a. **Gen 3:16** – sorrow, pain, desire, rule
 - i) More than physical – raising kids, sinful world
 - ii) Perfect union – oneness – messed up
- b. **Gen 3:17-19** – cursed, toil, thorns, sweat, death
 - i) Dominion lost – struggling...part of creation
- c. **Heb 2:8b** –what man is now—not what God intended
 - i) Frustrated by his circumstances, defeated by his temptations, surrounded w/his weakness

G. K. Chesterton said, whatever else is or is not true, this one thing is certain—man is not what he was meant to be.

6. If Man's story ended here – tragic

- a. So much potential...blessing...so sad ending

II. Jesus Aide

1. Back to Hebrews – the point of the quote from Ps 8

- a. **Ps 8** is about man....but **Heb 2** takes it deeper
- b. Shows us how Christ is pictured, fulfilled in it

2. Context of Hebrews – point – greatness of Jesus

- a. Drawing to, drawing deeper and securing to Jesus
- b. **Heb 1** – Greatness of Jesus – He is God, no angel
- c. **Heb 2;1-4** – don't drift from Him
- d. **Heb 2** on– Humanity of Jesus – why, how, wonder

3. Jesus “aide” to mankind v.5b

- a. Speaks of this in **v.16-17**
- b. Jesus loved us...when altogether unworthy
- c. **Rom 5:6-8**

4. Jesus became man to rescue us – 7a

- a. Speaks of this **v.9** – made lower (little while)
- b. Christ Humbled himself to become man –**Phil 2:5-7**

5. Jesus was crowned v.7b

- a. Crown– not royal, bestowed because of who He is
- b. Victors crown - Stephanos – one who won
- c. Jesus won – victory over sin and death
 - i) Speaks of this in **v.9b**

6. Jesus reigns – over all v.7b-8a

- a. Every knee will bow, tongue confess – **Phil 2:9-11**
- b. But don't see it yet - Right now – see fallen world
 - i) Man is not reigning - Jesus is not reigning
 - ii) In truth – angels are
 - A. Satan is prince of power of air, offered it to Jesus. Daniel tells us angels over areas

c. Point – right now – this is not His reign

- i) When see pain – not God's fault –man's

d. Jesus has conquered – outcome is finished

- i) Like our presidential elections – won-yet not enthroned yet....but it is coming

e. Jesus will reign – literally

- i) When does – rule of iron – deal with sin, all!
- ii) Not at some limited thing we want

7. Jesus will take us into glory

- a. Big theological issue – but lets just be simple
- b. Jesus did not just restore what Adam lost
- c. Mankind – ranked under angels
- d. But now – in Christ – reign with Him- over angels

Conclusion

So...v5 – who will reign

- It will be Jesus....and His own – reign with Him
- Have a part to play – wow

But – the focus – needs to be on Jesus

- Notice v.6 – why say it this way
- Theme of Hebrews—everything , everyone obscured – see Jesus
 - Don't know author or who to – Jesus
 - Doesn't want us focusing on human instruments or angels – Jesus

But we see Jesus.

- How I wish we could just dive in....but next week, see the Greatness, purpose of Jesus humanity

What is man

- **Outside of Christ – tragic failure...loss**
 - This morning – is you if outside Jesus
- **In Christ**
 - Aided by Christ – he has come
 - Crowded with glory, honor – His
 - Reigning, purpose
 - In Glory with Christ