

HEBREWS: Jesus Is Supreme

Jesus, King, Champion, Brother, and Priest

Hebrews 2

Hebrews 2:1-4 (NLT)

So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.

- **Keep Looking to Jesus!**

Hebrews 2:5-8a (NLT)

And furthermore, it is not angels who will control the future world we are talking about. For in one place the Scriptures say,

“What are mere mortals that you should think about them, or a son of man that you should care for him? Yet for a little while you made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them authority over all things.” Now when it says “all things,” it means nothing is left out

Hebrews 2:8b

But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority.

Hebrews 2:9-18 (NIV)

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.

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. 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**. He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.” And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

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—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants.

For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful **high priest** in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

4 BEAUTIFUL PICTURES OF JESUS

1. A King Who Is Involved In Our Life!

Hebrews 2:9

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.

- Even though Jesus is the perfect King of the universe with all authority and power He left His throne room of Heaven, got involved in our lives, and paid our penalty!

2. A Champion Who Saves Us!

Hebrews 2:10

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God... should make the *pioneer of their salvation* perfect through what he suffered.

Hebrews 2:14-15

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—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

- Our enemy's greatest weapon, the weapon within all other weapons, was death. Our champion defeated it!

1 Corinthians 15:55, 57 (NIV)

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. A Brother Who Is Unashamed Of Us!

Hebrews 2:11 (NLT)

So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

John 20:17 (NIV)

Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

4. A Priest Who Can Help Us Today!

Hebrews 2:16-18 (NLT)

For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.

Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

- Because Jesus was tested and tempted as we are, yet he never sinned, I know that my ultimate victory is guaranteed!

Hebrews 4:15-16 (VOICE)

For Jesus is not some high priest who has no sympathy for our weaknesses and flaws. He has already been tested in every way that we are tested; but He emerged victorious, without failing God.

So let us step boldly to the throne of grace, where we can find mercy and grace to help when we need it most.