

THE BLESSINGS OF OUR CHAMPION

Hebrews 2:10-18

Four Benefits Our Champion Wins

1 – An Eternal Family – vs 10-13

-The first benefit is enumerated in verses 10-13 –

-The main point is that Jesus, the Champion of our faith, makes us part of God’s eternal family.

-This main point is made through the merger of four massive realities –

-The eternal purposes of God –

-v. 10a – *“For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory...”*

-God is, of course, the Creator who made all things (by whom) for His purposes (for whom)

-And “sons” in a generic sense because he will later speak of God’s “children” – so we’re talking about God’s sons and daughters.

-God is working to bring “many sons to glory” – In the context what does that mean?

-From Psalm 8 the glory is dominion that is given to image bearers.

-In bringing many sons to glory, God is restoring and fulfilling their dominion commission from Genesis 1 – rule over His creation!

-Why did God allow the fall?

-Our Champion made “perfect through suffering” –

-v. 10b – *“...should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.”*

-Suffering in the context is the crucifixion of Christ.

-In what way was Jesus “made perfect” in suffering crucifixion?

-He was the perfect sacrifice and He proved that He was the perfect sacrifice by becoming the perfect sacrifice.

-Jesus, the Champion of your soul, has double claim on your life – He is your Creator and Your Redeemer!

-“One source” –

-v. 11a – *“For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source.”*

-God is the source of all things

-The “great salvation” has one source – God!

-The planning of God’s family; the provision of the sacrifice; the sacrifice and those who are saved by it are all of the same source.

-Identity –

-v. 11b – *“...That is why he is not ashamed to call them ‘brothers’.”*

-If you belong to Christ then He is not ashamed of you –

-This isn’t to say that our sin doesn’t displease God any more – but the shame and public disgrace your sin deserves has been suffered. He is not ashamed to be identified with you.

-Are you ashamed of you? Are you ashamed to identify with Christ?

-In verses 12-13 we have three OT quotations –

-Psalm 22:22 – *“I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”*

-Isaiah 8:17 – *“...I will hope (trust) in him.”*

-Isaiah 8:18 – *“Behold, I and children whom the Lord has given me...”*

-You are children – sons and daughters – of the living God; brothers and sisters to Christ!

2 – Freedom from the Fear of Death – vs. 14, 15

- Christ takes on flesh and blood (becomes a real human) so that He could die on behalf of “the children”.
- In dying on behalf of the children, He does two things –
 - Destroys the one who has the power of death (devil) and –
 - Delivers all those who through the fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.
- This is the *how* of salvation – the Incarnation and death of the Christ.
 - Incarnation – To save us he had to become one of us.
 - Death – We have Christmas because we need Good Friday and Easter!
- He **destroys** the devil –
 - His power is not to kill but to damn –
 - The only thing that damns someone is unforgiven sin – so through his lies he deceives people into thinking that sin is better than God –
 - The verbal tense and mood communicate that the destruction is not potential but actual – His death destroys or “brings to nothing” the power of the devil!
- He **delivers** us from the fear of death –
 - As you can see from verse 15, the “fear of death” is described as a bondage or something people are enslaved to – We could say this fear is “paralyzing”
 - But all these attempts are merely evidence that people live in lifelong bondage to the fear of death!
- Jesus Christ, the Son of God offers hope to everyone who lives in this bondage –
 - Through His incarnation and crucifixion He has prevailed over death by setting captives free with true hope.
- He delivers “us” from the fear of death – Who would the “us” be?
 - v. 16 – *“For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.”*
 - See Romans 4 and Galatians 3
 - The “offspring of Abraham” are those who have faith in the promises of God made to Abraham as fulfilled in Christ!

Application

Why must you and everyone you know get the truth of these verses in their heads and hearts?

1 – Because no one understands you and those you know like Jesus –

- He knows you because He made you **and because He became like you!**
- v. 18 – *“For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”*
- And 4:14-15

2 – Because no one can be the bridge to God for you and those you know like Jesus –

- Jesus – by being both God and man – perfectly spans the chasm between fallen people and a holy God.
- Job – in his misery – was speaking out loud as he tried to ponder what was incomprehensible to him –
 - How could the great, Almighty God ever enter into his world and identify with him –
 - Job 9:33 – *“There is no arbiter between us, who might lay his hand on us both.”*

3 – Because no one can provide the salvation you and those you know need other than Jesus –

- It is only in Christ!