

Title: Christ Perfection (1A)
Text: Hebrews 2:9-13

SERIES: Hebrews

Will you take your Bibles and turn to Hebrews chapter 2. There are notes in your bulletin, and I would encourage you to follow along with me, as we study the Word of God together.

Now, we have been examining the first major area of the book of Hebrews which takes us to the second verse of chapter 8. And this first area deals with the AUTHORITY of Jesus Christ over all things. His authority over everything.

(1B) And the first area in which that authority is demonstrated is the AUTHORITY of Jesus over angels. Some people teach that Jesus is nothing more than an exalted angel. The Bible says differently. He is more than an angel. He is over the angels. He is the supreme authority in the universe.

Now, we have seen the AUTHORITY of Jesus over angels in several ways. (1C) In Chapter One, we looked at the MOTIVES OF THE FATHER. And those motives were so beautifully expressed through the use of 7 quotations from the O.T.

(2C) Secondly, we examined the AUTHORITY OF JESUS OVER ANGELS by looking at the Message of salvation which was presented in that First Warning passage of Hebrews chapter 2, verses 1 thru 4.

(3C) And third, we looked at the Manner in which all things are subjected to Him.

(4C) Today, we come to the fourth area. And that is the MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST IN OUR BEHALF. Hebrews chapter 2 beginning with Vs 9....

(READ VS 9-13)

LET'S LOOK TO THE LORD IN A MOMENT OF PRAYER

Our Father, we thank you once again for your Word. and we pray your blessing upon our time, together, as we examine the authority of Jesus Christ. WE thank you for the encouragement of these verses. That it was God's plan to have a family in which those who come to know Christ are now a part through the work of Jesus Christ, your only son. And we thank you in the name of JesusAmen.

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(4C) We are looking at the ministry of Jesus Christ in our behalf And we are seeing it as a deminstration of His Authority over angels. And in the area of His ministry, I want to , first of all, (1D) examine HIS PURPOSE IN COMING INTO THE WORLD. And there are three things that I want you to see in Verse 9.

(1E) Number one, I see our Lords's purpose in coming into this world in His subjection. His subjection. Vs 9 says..."We do see Him who has been made for a little while lower thabn the angels, namely, Jesus."



You know, that is a simple statement. You can read that and run right by the truth. That is talking about the eternal God who humbled himself and came into this world as a man. The mighty God who is greater than the world He created. He who dwells everywher. He who is all powerful and all knowing. This great God that non of us can put into a test tube and see. He localized himself in a human body and came into this world. Humbly walking as a man. Laying aside His divine rights and poowe, emptying himself says Philippians 2:6. And he came to us not as the great might powerful God, but as a servant. Add he humbled himself to the point of a cross. And he endured all the mocking and spiting of men..the suffering and scorching and his face beated beyond recognition. All of that...WHY?

Beecause he was solving our problem.

I see Christ in his great ministry...I see Jesus today in His subjection. The miracle of the incarnation. That the infinite God would become man.

I dson't believe that Jesus was mere man who happened to be the greatest man of his day. And God taped him on the shouldier one day and said, "Would you be the Messiah?"

No, this is the infinite God himself who became a man. And only an infinite God could solve and infinite problem.

(2E) Secondly, I see it in His suffering. His suffering for man. Vs 9 says, "we see Him, who has been made for a litle while lower than the angels, because of the suffering of death.

"BECAUSE OF THE SUFFERING OF DEATH. Isa. 53 says he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bursied for our siniquities; the chastening for our well being fell upon him, and by His scorging we are healed."

In I Peter chapter 2 it tells us that when he was revailed, he did not revail. When he was threatened, he did not strick back. In spite of all that suffering He bore our sins in His own body on the treee. He suffered for us.

I Peter chapter 3:18 . What a great verse this is. "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to d death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit."

Jesus Christ suffered for us.

(3E) Third, I see Christ's wonderful ministry in our behalf in this wonderful purpose in coming into the world, I see Jesus...not only in his subjection...not only in His suffering.. but also the supreme test of all. the very sacrifice of his own life.

The last phrase of Vs 9 says: "that by the grace of God He might taste death for every one."

Notice the phrase "crowned with glory and honor". Because he was resurrected. It was only for a little time that He was made lower than the angels. He who was so great was made lower so that he might taste death for every one.

Two things about that death, by the way. ^(1F) One, the source: It says, "the grace of God." Do you know what grace is? Grace means that God gives to you what you do not deserve. None of us deserve salvation. God loved you so much that He sent Jesus. His grace means that He gave to you of himself. He died in your place and in mine.

Love is the only motive. And so grace was the source.

(2F) But secondly, I am amazed once again about how sufficient was that sacrifice. He died for every one. People are always wanting to know how could someone die nineteen hundred years ago and pay for my sins, here, in the 20th century?

Here is this tremendous statement of sufficiency.. "HE, MIGHT TASTE DEATH FOR EVERY ONE." The little word "for" means in "the behalf of." It always means "sufficient for". His death was sufficient for every last man, woman, and child.

Does that mean that every last man, woman, and child are going to be saved? NO..NO Because that which is sufficient, does not mean that which is efficient. That is that it doesn't work for you if you don't apply it.

Jesus isn't going to die tomorrow for you just because you want to get saved. Listen, when he died on the cross, it was finished. That is the tragedy of refusing His love. Because every sin that has ever been committed by you or anyone or, anything that you commit in the future, was already paid for by Jesus. His forgiveness is not asking you to be a good boy for while and then he will grant you eternal life. NO...

It is based on the cross. It is all done. It is finished. And it is sufficient for every last person. God wants you right now to apply it by faith. To believe it. And salvation is all yours.

(2D) Now, secondly, concerning the ministry of Jesus in our behalf, let's look at our positions in God's Family.

~~but the same area that we want to see in his ministry~~

~~... than the angels in our position in~~

God. ~~Because no angel could have done this for you and for me.~~

For We Have a Unique Position

Our position in the family of God, ~~shows that in Christ's ministry by which~~

in God's family

~~we became a member of the family, he is greater than all the angels.~~ *and*

angel could have ever given us this position in the family of God. And I

believe that is based upon four *Principles* things according to Vs 10 thru 13. Four

Principles

things upon which my position in God's family is based.

(1E) Now, first of all, before we look at any of that, just by way of introduction, I believe that God of necessity had to have a family....Now, why ~~do~~ ~~believe~~ that?..

I believe that God already is a family by way of nature. It does not surprise me that when he decided to make man that he also decided to have a family through man by which He would be related as the Father. Because God already is a family. I guess that is the thing we have been teaching more than anything else by looking at the person of Christ. And that is God, who is the supreme being, which has no limitation in power, presence, or time, God deals with nature and substance, and yet, he can manifest himself in three different ways: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

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So, In the term "Father" and "son" you immediately see that there is already a family in the nature of God. There is already a group....Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God always refers to himself as Father when talking to his son. And to son when he is talking to His father. The son always refers to Him as Father. There is a family established in the Godhead, ~~area~~ already.

So, when he designed man; and we were created in the image of God. Therefore, the concept of "family" was set into the personality of man. Man needs a family.

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Now, this is deminstrated in many ways. One, of which is: it was God's original intention, ~~was~~ that marriage be a part of the temporary needs of man. There is no marriage in heaven.....Don't cry now....But there isn't. Yet, the concept of marriage in human life was in the mind of God. You can check that out by looking at Genesis 1:26. Woman was not an accident that God throught up because Adam was lonely.....Oh, no... The Bible says "Male and female created he them"....

God said, "let us make ~~man and~~ male and female ^{He} created ~~he~~ them."

The very concept of family of relationship, one to another, was already in God's original intention. Marriage deminstrates that. So does family life. It is simply showing us that God's eternal plan is being visualize on earth in marriage, in the family. ~~And~~

And the churchd is a family. Nations, as it were, are families. God said that he was going to divid all nations after their "families." God has in his original intentions and in ~~his~~ nature the concept of "family."

So, when we come to the ultimate intention of God, he is expanding and developing His family; and bring many sons, as this text says, into glory. So, when we say to a new christian, "welcome to the family" we are talking about a very, very, important concept. ^{something to which I believe we have forgotten} God is the Father.

Now, God is not the father of all men, you understand. Jesus said to some important religious leaders in John 8:44 "~~you~~, are of your father, the devil."....."and the lust of your Father you will do."...

And so some people have as their father the devil. Some people have as their father God. So, God is not the Father of all men. God is the creator of all men. He designed the race of humans. But out-off the race of humans he develops a "family." A real spiritual family. And there are people who are going to respond to His son. And by identification with His son they will become part of the Family of God.

Now, to get into ^{A FAMILY} the family ~~you must~~, you must be adopted into the family, or born into the family, or married into the family..... right....

Three ways by which you can get into a family. Let me give it to

you again: Born into the family, adopted into the family, or married into the family.

Well, God didn't want you to feel insecure. So, he makes you a member of His family by all three methods.....Isn't that exciting?....

The Bible says in John 1:13 that we are born not of blood, not by ancestor. You don't get into God's family just because your Mom and Dad were. ~~Not of blood, nor of the will of man.~~ "Not of blood, nor of the will of man." Like some guy says, "I want you in the family and I will clear it with the boss."

'Nor, of the will of the flesh. Meaning: yourself. You can't put yourself into God's family. But, you must be born of God. The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit of God causes you to be born. ~~Not God's Family~~

Just like you were born the first time. Did you have anything to do with it?...No...Your mother and Dad did. You didn't do it. You were not in existence. You didn't suddenly say: "I will make myself a baby, namely me.".....

Think about it for a moment. And you will see how ridiculous it is for us in all of our attempts to try and get into God's family. You can not put yourself into God's family by your own initiative anymore than you were born into the life by your own desire. It took the will of your Mother and Father to get you into the world.

O.K., so you are born into the family. You are also married...The Bible says you get married when you put your faith in J.C. You are married to Jesus. He is the bridegroom and you are the bride. And thus you are part of the family ^{of God} by marriage.

It also says in Ephesians chapter 1 that He adopts you as a son. Now, the point of that is that you come into the family with full rights. When you adopt a son you immediately make him your heir. He receives the inheritance of all things. When you become a christian you immediately become part of God's family with everything going for you. You are in Christ. You talk about a wonderful position, man it is tremendous. And you have all the inheritances.....You are a son, a heir.....It is yours.

Now, all of this is background material for the message today. So, let's get into the message.....

Vs 10: "For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things"....Here is the line that you can underline. It is the whole point of Verses 10-13..."in bring many sons to glory.".....

(2E) That is the ultimate intention.....Now, here are the four things upon which our position in God's family is based.

(1F) One, it is based on the reason of the heavenly Father. His ultimate intention, his reason. And the reason is described in two ways.

(1G) First of all, it says in Vs 10 "For it was fitting for him, for whom all things." Literally it says "on account of whom". Or "because of whom" "are all things".

The first part of the reason of God by which he develops a family is the fact that He is the cause of all things. And this is fitting for him to do. It is part of his nature. It is the most natural thing to expect that the Heavenly Father would have sons. So it is fitting to the nature of God to bring sons into glory. And there are two reasons why.

(1G) One, is because He is the cause of all things. On account of whom or because of whom are all things.. Now - Understand That - "all things" -

In other words, There isn't anything that exist, or was ever started, or designed that wasn't ultimately caused by God. That is quite a statement. Here - The application of that concept

I don't care what you are currently going through in your life. If it is a little heavy, and there is pressure there, you have a little testing I don't care what it is. PG-E. There isn't anything that happens in this world that God isn't ultimately the cause of, and that proves why he brings everybody into a family, back to himself. Because he cause it all in the first place.

A lot of questions we ask aren't really the big ones. They are really small.....Example: Why is there sin in the world?.....Why is there suffering?.....Those are not the biggies....Those are the small questions. We are always asking the questions that are not quite back far enough....

You see the reason everything is happening as it is ..is back a little bit further. And that is, the fact that an infinite, almighty God who never had any beginning and never will have an end, who has always existed, who is the primary cause of all things, HE CAUSED EVERYTHING TO HAPPEN.

Ephesians 1:11 says that "all things are happening according to the counsel of his will." God is directly involved. He did not wind up the world like a clock and watch it run down. Hoping that someday you will pray to him so that he can be involved.....No....He is directly involved. He has been causing all of the things that have been happening to you.

Romans 11:36 says "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things."
FROM HIM ARE ALL THINGS.....Through him are all things.....Unto him are all things.....

What tremendous comfort to the heart and life when you know that every thing that is happening, God caused.

So, it is natural for us to assume that God would want a family when we understand that Family-God, Father, Son, Spirit, He cause it all in the beginning. That is the first thing as to reason why He has a family. It is because he caused it. He has every right to have what he wants, doesn't he?...

(26) Secondly, in the same verse it says next phrase, "through whom are all things."
This means "through the agency of"... *are all things*

I would like to share something here that most of us forget in the midst of our troubles. The Bible teaches that all the things that are happening are happening through the direct agency or "work" of God. God isn't just the cause of all things. He is, also, the "channel" of all things. The channel by which they happen to us. Have you ever ask the question: "Why did this happen to me?"...Have you ever ask that question?.... I mean "what did I do to deserve this?".....

Answer: Everything.....You deserve it....Why did it happen to you? Because you deserve it. It is exactly what God wants for you. God allows all these things that we put on a list as bad, God cause all of that and allows it to happen because he wants to....He is interested in your good and mine....

Everything that is going to happen on that bad tragedy list, all of those things that we say are not very good, all of that which is happening is going to work for His glory, to honor Him, and it is going to work ultimately for the good of every believer. (Romans)

That is pretty good news. That means that everything that is happening in my life is going to be for my direct benefit and good. And that is a tremendous ~~point~~ ^{principle}. God causes everything; and he is working through everything.

3. Now, what is the thing that He is trying to get done?.....Answer:.....
To bring many sons into glory.....That is what God is going....

you say - You mean he caused that tragedy in my life just to get a some son into glory?....Right....He had two purposes, if you want to narrow it down One, somebody is going to get saved...Some body is going to get saved at some point because he is bring people into the family. And everything is happening so that will occur.....

OR, number two, he is going to cause you to find out who the Father is, You are not the Father. He is the Father. And He is going to show you ~~how~~ how you ought to Praise and honor the Father. Who is running everything. We ought to trust him. We ought to submit to his authority. Because the father knows more than the children....Right.....
So, we ought to submit to the Father's authority..

So, if you are already a believer, why is he causing something in your life? So, you will just turn around and realize who is the Father. And to start praise ^{ing} him...And to say, "Man this is tremendous...."

And I find that a lot of times when I am going my own way, he gives you a little test. And you are sitting there saying "what did I do to deserve this?"....Listen, you haven't been paying attention to God like you should anyway. And so he gives you that test so that he will get your attention. But you look at the test and say; Why? Why? Why?...

IT IS FAIR -
~~And after a while you get the point and you say "praise the Lord"....~~
You see.....Oh, friends, God is ^{NOT} trying to put anyone down. He loves yhu.. That is why he is so patient with you. He loves ~~the~~ believers.

And he wants to build your life so that you will be unto glory....

What is glory? .. Well, glory is that which God is...His nature. All have sinned, says the Bible in Romans 3:23. Because ~~they~~^{we} come short of that Glory of God. We don't glorify God naturally. You know that, don't you? And the reason why we don'tAre you ready for this.... It is a little strong.... The reason why we don't glorify God is because we were made in the image of God.....Think that through....

God designed everything to glorify himself, right?....When God made everything it says, "He made it so that we will glory Him." We were made in the image of God. That means we are like God in some ways, doesn't it? Now, if God desires that everything come back to him, guess what we are going to desire? Not everything goes back to God. But everything comes back to us.

Guess why we are selfish? Because God is.....It is never sin until we violate the one who has the ultimate priority...

I don't have any right to question God ~~why he made me~~ for being selfish and wanting praise and glory....WHY?..Because he made me. He has every right to say what he wants to. He made the whole thing. He is the infinite, all powerful God....I have no right to question him. He had a right to do it.

But, when he made me in his image, he knew what my problem would be. I would want to glorify myself, instead of Him. And so God, according to this chapter, with its marilous discussion of the work of Jesus Christ, used His son, Jesus, who always glorified Him to work in our behalf so that we would one day glory Him. You will never glorify God for what he does if you think you had anything to do with it. Have you noticed that?

Let's take the example of prayer:....if you pray right now that some thing would happen, and before the service was over, it happens.....That will be your greatnest area of test as to who really will get the glory.... Because you will go to somebody and say, "Man, I just prayed and God answered my prayer. Wow....super prayer warrior....Fall down...Can't believe it.....You mean you just pray and bang, God answers?.....

"Boy, that is super. Tell me about your life".....

He did it.
and

Instead of saying, "Listen, God receives all the glory." It wasn't because I prayed that God answered." You see, God knows the things I need even before I ask him. Hay, I enjoy prayer. I enjoy fellowship with God. But listen, God is greater than that. God isn't forced to act because I prayed. He is greater than that.

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Another Example
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Sometimes, I don't like to admit that... ~~that~~, if God wants to make *you* glorify him in salvation, the way he does it is: he will come along and he will save you, He will do everything for you, and you willn't have to do a thing. In fact, you will be so surprised when you become a Christian you will say, "Is this all there is to it?"...

And you begin to put this together and you say, "you mean God did all this?"... ~~I mean,~~ "there must be something else I must do".....

I have had a lot of people say that to me when they receive Christ... "O.K. tell me more. What else must I do." "How much do I have to pay."

They have some idea that they have to run around the church 10 times. "You mean, all you have to do is believe what God has done for you through Christ and you are in the family?....Oh, come on. " " There must be something else "

(Now, what is God doing by saving you that way?....He is causing you to glorify him. To say, "Man, he did it all. He made me a part of the family and I ~~did~~ *didn't* have to anything put believe in Him." And I am now part of the family because the Father brought me to himself..... Praise the Lord.....

(Now, that is what he does in salvation, ~~but~~ *but* as a christian if you continue to go your own way, you know God's purpose is to bring many sons unto what?.....What is it?.....Glory

Then, how is God going to make you as a believer glorify Him?... Same way as he did in salvation. That is his ultimate purpose. He said "what ~~and~~ therefore you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all ~~and~~ to the glory of God.....Not to the glory of self....but to God.....

Answer

So, what is he going to do in your life?...He is going to bring a lot of testing and a lot of trails and a lot of pressures and a lot of decisions

into your life, to show you that you have to absolutely depend upon Him. And glorify him in your life...

Have you ever noticed how God can mess up your neat plans?... Have you noticed that? You can plan out the neatest things. Things get all messed up. Now, why does he do that? So, that we will set back and say, "God, I am sorry I didn't consider you in those plans. What would you have me to do?" "You must increase and I must decrease. Praise the Lord"..

And ^{then} we begin to glorify God. That is Gods ultimate prupose.... He loves you. And He designed you for himself....

SOFTLY
Have you ever wandered about that thing inside of you that aches and you really want to find fulfillment and you don't know what is happening? Listen, God put within you the desire to be a part of a family. And some ~~times~~ times that is satisfied in a limited way in marriage, ~~or~~ a limited way satisfied by having a family; but even after you have experienced all of that, ~~if~~ but if you haven't experienced a personal relationship with The Heavenly Father who loves you and has promised to take care of you, THERE IS STILL THAT ACH, THERE IS STILL THAT HUNGER AND SOMETHING STILL MISSING. AND YOU WANDER WHY?.....Because God placed in your heart the desire to be a member of God's family.....

And God will even draw you to himself in a wonderful way and cause you to glorify ~~in~~ him and to realize that He has done it all.....

Listen, if God is calling you right now to himself, ~~Man~~ that is tremendous....Listen to him....respond to him..... *And Receive Jesus as your savior*

Did you know by your presence here today, you are participating in God's grace?.... You see, you have walked into an atmosphere in which God is telling you through His word and through His servant, namely me, about himself and his plan for you. You are now receiving a tremendous opportunity which you are now going to be responsible.....You see.....God is now exposing you, again, to his plan. And I pray that you ~~will~~ respond to God, His love for you, and His plan for your life.....

Shall we pray