

## **He Became One of Us** **Hebrews 2:9-11**

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

“. . . the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin;" *NHCOF*

One of the problems that man has is that we often think of God as being like one of us.

This is partially because Jesus did become one of us.

But the nature of God is anything but like us. God is God. He is a spirit and has infinite characteristics. In the places that God is like humans is not that He is like us but that we are like Him.

We have free will, we have a great capacity of emotions, love, joy, anger, mercy, a sense of purpose and fulfilment. We have these things because God created us in His own image.

But there is a part of us that God knew nothing of, that is our physical being. He made us but it would not until Jesus came into the world as a baby that God experienced what it meant to be human.

Php 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Heb 2:10 ¶ For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

There was something gained with Jesus suffering in His human flesh that could not have been accomplished any other way.

So let us consider this passage today.

I. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels

A. This is from a prophecy of the Messiah in the book of Psalms 8

1. Psa 8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet

2. The idea of the passage is that in the order of things, man was created inferior to the angels.
  3. And the Messiah was also when He would become human.
- B. The angels are spiritual being that do not normally have a physical form but often take on one when they communicate with people.
1. They were created before the physical creation.
  2. Job 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?"
  3. Angels do not have free will.
    - a. There are two groups, the ones called the elect angels.
      - (1) 1Ti 5:21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.
    - b. The other the angels who followed in Satan's rebellion.
      - (1) Re 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
- C. But Jesus did not become an angel or take the nature of angels.
1. There are fallen angels
  2. There are angels that forsook their created order.
  3. There are angels that have sinned.
  4. But God has not undertook to save them.
  5. He did not take on their nature.
  6. He did not come to their aid.
- D. But He did come on behalf of Abraham's seed.
1. Hebrews 2:14-18 (NKJV) 14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He

does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

## II. For the Suffering of Death

A. Jesus became man to die the death of a man.

B. Not because of His sin for He had none.

1. He was tempted but He never sinned.

a. Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

b. Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

c. 2Co 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

d. 1Pe 2:22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

e. 1Jo 3:5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

2. The sacrificial lamb must be without blemish.

3. So Jesus kept Himself pure, unspotted so that He could take on Himself our sin.

## III. To taste death for everyone.

A. Jesus' sacrifice was sufficient for all but efficient to those who believe.

1. The Unitarians think that Jesus died for everyone and so everyone will end up in heaven.

2. You cannot have a faith that contradicts the plain teaching of the Bible.

a. Jesus Himself often spoke of the few by comparison who would enter the kingdom of heaven.

3. Jesus often referred to His sheep and referred to other who were not His sheep.

B. God has provided a salvation that could reach everyone but it will only reach those

who believe.

It is possible to know if you are in that group. If you believe then you are one for whom Jesus died.

John 3:18 (NKJV) 18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1 John 5:13 (NKJV) 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Romans 10:8-10 (NKJV) 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.