

Hebrews 2 • How Great Is Your Salvation? Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained By Our Captain

Purpose

Hebrews is about the supremacy of Jesus Christ in all things. It's major purpose is to remind, encourage and warn followers of Christ to continually rely on the finished work of Christ. Christ is greater than any angel, priest, or old covenant institution. Therefore, rather than leaving such a great salvation, hold on by faith to the true rest found in Christ.

What epitomizes wickedness?

If the most God glorifying thing ever accomplished was the cross then the most grievous sin, the most wicked thing you can do is to deny Christ the glory of the cross by considering it insufficient.

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1Peter 1:3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again **to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Peter 1:4 **to an inheritance** that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, **kept in heaven for you,**

Hebrews 2:1 **Therefore** we must pay **much closer attention** to what we have heard, lest **we drift away from it.**

Hebrews 2:2 For since **the message** declared by angels **proved to be reliable,** and **every transgression or disobedience** received a **just retribution,**

Hebrews 2:3 *how shall we escape (retribution) if we neglect such a great salvation?* It was declared at first by the **Lord,** and it was attested to us by those who heard,

Hebrews 2:4 while **God** also bore witness by **signs and wonders** and various **miracles** and by gifts of the **Holy Spirit** distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:5 ¶ Now **it was not to** angels that **God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking.**

Psalms 8:3 ¶ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

Psalms 8:4 **what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?**

Psalms 8:5 ¶ Yet you have made **him** a little lower than the heavenly beings and **crowned him with glory and honor.**

Psalms 8:6 **You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,**

Psalms 8:7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

Psalms 8:8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Psalms 8:9 ¶ O LORD, our Lord, **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Genesis 1:26 ¶ Then God said, “Let us make **man in our image**, after **our likeness**. And **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Hebrews 2:6 It has been testified somewhere, “**What is man**, that you are mindful of **him (man)**, or the son of man, that you care for **him?**”

Hebrews 2:7 You made **him (man)** for a little while lower than the angels; you have **crowned him (man) with glory and honor,**

Hebrews 2:8 **putting everything** in subjection under **his (man's)** feet.” Now in putting **everything in subjection to him (man)**, he left **nothing outside his (man) control**. *At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him (man)*.

Romans 5:12 ¶ Therefore, just as sin came into the world **through one man**, and **death through sin**, and so **death spread to all men** because all sinned—

1Corinthians 15:45 Thus it is written, “The **first man Adam** became a living being”; **the last Adam** became a life-giving spirit.

Romans 8:18 ¶ For **I consider** that the **sufferings of this present time** are **not worth comparing** with the **glory that is to be revealed to us**.

Romans 8:19 For the creation waits with eager longing **for the revealing of the sons of God**.

Romans 8:20 For **the creation was subjected to futility**, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

Romans 8:21 that the **creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption** and obtain the freedom of **the glory of the children of God**.

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

Romans 8:23 And **not only the creation, but we ourselves**, who have the **firstfruits of the Spirit**, groan inwardly as **we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies**.

Romans 8:24 For **in this hope** we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

Romans 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, **we wait for it with patience**.

Hebrews 2:8 putting everything in subjection under his (man's) feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him (man), he left nothing outside his (man) control. At present, **we do not yet see** everything in subjection to him (man).

Hebrews 2:9 **But we see him** (Jesus) *who for a little while was made lower than the angels*, namely **Jesus**, crowned with glory and honor **because of the suffering of death**, so that by the **grace of God** he might **taste death** for everyone.

Hebrews 2:10 ¶ For **it was fitting that he**, *for whom and by whom all things exist*, in bringing **many sons to glory**, should make the **founder** of their salvation **perfect through suffering**.

Jesus suffered death in order to bring many sons to glory.

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Hebrews 5:8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

Hebrews 5:9 And being made **perfect**, he became the **source of eternal salvation** to all who obey him,

Hebrews 2:11 For **he (Jesus)** who **sanctifies** and **those (us) who are sanctified** all have one source. **That is why he (Jesus) is not ashamed to call them (us) brothers**,

Hebrews 2:12 saying, “I will tell of your name to **my brothers**; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

Psalms 22:22 ¶ I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Psalms 22:1 ¶ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Our salvation is great because our Savior is great. He humbled Himself, became the 2nd Adam, represented us in order to restore us to the glory God had originally designed for us.

“Fix your eyes on Christ, not on the pain and futility and frustration and sickness and death of this age. They will not have the last word. Christ has conquered death and all the sin and pain that leads to death. Think on him. Consider him. Look to him. And say to cancer and paralysis and sightless children ...—say to every unsubjected enemy — “Psalm 8 is my destiny!

That hope is part of our great salvation —that someday those who have held fast to their great salvation will be revealed as the sons of God and all creation will serve them rather than ravage them the way it does now.” **John Piper**

Hebrews 12:2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

"Jesus is the true and better Adam who passed the test in the garden and whose obedience is imputed to us." **Tim Keller**

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