

Hebrews 2:14-3:1 • Fear And Freedom The Power Of A Proper Perspective

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.

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.

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

Today's focus: Jesus became flesh and blood, in order to die. Thereby, destroying the only power the devil has, unforgiven sin. The experience of living and dying for us has Him ever ready to help us when tempted as a merciful and faithful high priest.

Hebrews 2:14 ¶ Since therefore **the children** share in **flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things**, that **through death** he might **destroy** the one who has the **power of death**, that is, **the devil,**

1John 3:8b ...**The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.**

Hebrews 2:15 and **deliver** all those who through **fear of death** were subject to **lifelong slavery.**

Fear of death & lifelong slavery

Colossians 3:2 **Set your minds** on things that are above, **not on things that are on earth.**

Philippians 3:18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as **enemies of the cross of Christ.**

Philippians 3:19 Their end is destruction, **their god is their belly**, and they glory in their shame, **with minds set on earthly things.**

Philippians 3:20 But **our citizenship is in heaven**, and from it **we await a Savior**, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Philippians 3:21 **who will transform our lowly body** to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Matthew 10:28 And **do not fear** those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him **who can destroy both soul and body in hell.**

Jesus our merciful & faithful high priest

Hebrews 2:16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but **he helps the offspring of Abraham.**

Galatians 3:7 ¶ Know then that it is **those of faith** who are the sons of Abraham.

Hebrews 2:17 **Therefore** he had to be made **like his brothers in every respect**, so that he might become a **merciful and faithful high priest** in the service of God, to make **propitiation** for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 9:26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, **he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

Propitiation - “God's justice is satisfied. He loved us enough to put his own Son forward to absorb the punishment we deserved so that he could demonstrate that he is **just and faithful** in dealing with sin and **merciful** in dealing with sinners.”
John Piper

“Christ strips the devil of his power in death by making propitiation for our sins.”

Satan's only lethal weapon is unforgiven sin.

1Corinthians 15:55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

Luke 12:32 ¶ **“Fear not**, little flock, for it is your **Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

"It's not death I'm afraid of, it's dying."

R.C. Sproul

"There is no good way out of here!"

David Bailey

Hebrews 2:18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to **help** those who are **being tempted.**

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but **one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

Matthew 4:1 ¶ Then **Jesus was led up by the Spirit** into the **wilderness to be tempted by the devil.**

Matthew 4:2 And **after fasting** forty days and forty nights, **he was hungry.**

Matthew 4:3 And **the tempter came** and said to him, **“If you are the Son of God,** command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

Matthew 4:4 But he answered, “It is written, **“Man shall not live by bread alone,** but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

Matthew 4:5 Then the **devil took him** to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple

Matthew 4:6 and said to him, **“If you are the Son of God,** throw yourself down, for it is written, **“He will command his angels concerning you,** and **“On their hands they will bear you up,** lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘**You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.**’”

Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

Matthew 4:9 And he said to him, “**All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.**”

Matthew 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, “**Be gone, Satan!** For it is written, “**You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.**”

Matthew 4:11 ¶ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Luke 4:13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him **until an opportune time.**

Mark 14:33 And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.

Mark 14:34 And he said to them, “**My soul is very sorrowful**, even to death. Remain here and watch.”

Mark 14:35 And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

Mark 14:36 And he said, “**Abba, Father**, all things are possible for you. **Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.**”

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