

A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS Part One

Text: Heb. 2:5-18

INTRODUCTION

- Paradox: The way to go up is to go _____ (Lk. 14:11, Matt. 19:30, Lk. 22:26, Matt. 5:5).
- The Lord Jesus perfectly modeled this right kind of _____ for us (Philip. 2:7-8).
- One way in which Christ is _____ than the angels is that He was made a little lower than the angels in His incarnation.
- Five reasons why it was necessary for Jesus to be made lower than the angels (3 today):

I. To PUT ALL THINGS IN _____ UNDER HIM (vs. 5-9A)

- It allows Him to take full _____ of the domain God originally intended for humanity (and more), lost by Adam at the Fall.
- Vs. 6-8, a lengthy quotation from Psalm 8:
 - “Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet” = something not yet fulfilled. How we know:
 - All things = more than the earth but the _____ creation.
 - At the time of writing, creation was not in submission to the human race due to _____.
- Vs. 9, but we do see _____!
 - He was made a little lower than the angels, has been crowned with glory and honor, and will fulfill this prophecy by _____ over all things in the world to come (Eph. 1:10).
- Application 1: When confronted by the mess of this sin-cursed world, see Jesus! _____ to Jesus by faith!
- Application 2: In Jesus, believers will be crowned with glory and honor as well. Since we will share His honor and possessions (Rom. 8:17, Rev. 21:7), we should _____ and _____ our affections on heavenly things (Col. 3:1-2).

II. To _____ DEATH FOR EVERY MAN (vs. 9B-10)

- Death = the _____ of sin, what we deserve (1 Jn. 3:4, Rom. 3:23, 6:23, Ezek. 18:4).
- Taste = to personally _____ it (Matt. 26:42).
- For every man = Christ is our _____ in death (1 Peter 3:18).
- By the grace of God = nothing we deserve but a free _____ of His love (John 3:16, Eph. 2:8-9).

- It became Him = it was becoming or proper because it was the only way.
- _____ = leader, also originator (“author” in Heb. 12:2).
- To be made perfect = not sinlessly or morally but that Christ had to become our perfect Savior by _____ for us.
- Application: Christ tasted death for you. Will you taste of the _____ and grace of God by believing in Christ (Ps. 34:8)?

III. To BE ABLE TO CALL US _____ (vs. 11-13)

- Sanctified = being cleansed and made holy in _____.
- He that sanctifieth = _____.
- They who are sanctified = believers.
- All of one = we are of one _____ now! Christ is the Son, and we are now also sons and have the same Father!
- As proof of our shared humanity and shared family, three quotations from the Old Testament:
 - Vs. 12, from Ps. 22:22.
 - Vs. 13, two quotations from Isa. 8:17-18.
- Application: Because of His work within us, Christ is not _____ to call us His brothers. But are you ever ashamed of Him?

CONCLUSION

- Four questions:
 - Will you see Jesus today, receive His grace, taste of His goodness, and become one of God’s _____?
 - Will you look to Jesus when confronted by the mess of this sin-cursed world?
 - Will you _____ Him today as the Captain of your salvation, the sanctifier of your soul, the giver of your life and future glory?
 - Will you acknowledge Him as your Savior, God, and Elder Brother and decide that you will not be _____ to name His name?