



Sunday, August 2, 2020  
*Helped through Death to Glory*  
 Hebrews 2:10-18

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Are you ever tempted to think God is not pleased with you because of various trials you are facing? How does this passage help you understand your sufferings?
  
2. Have you ever been tempted to think that if you were a mature Christian then you would not need so much help? How does our weakness actually help us conquer like Jesus conquered?
  
3. Is it a comfort to know that your Brother is sitting at the right hand of the Majesty on High? Discuss this idea with a brother or sister.
  
4. How can we tell the difference between a sinful self-righteousness taking root in our hearts and a good desire to grow into Christlikeness? Discuss this with a brother or sister.
  
5. What should change in your thinking in light of today's text? What new habits of thought, speech or actions should be cultivated? What should be put off?

### There are Many Temptations in Taking Up Our Cross

#### Luke 9:23

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him *deny himself* and *take up his cross daily* and follow me.

1. This world is all we have ever known
2. The world to come is unknown
3. Dying is painful (Sickness, weakness, loss of control)
4. Suffering temps us to doubt...

### Jesus the Head of a New Humanity (Review 2:5-10)

<sup>5</sup> *For it was not to angels* that God subjected the *world to come*, of which we are speaking.

I. Jesus is the New Humanity, Lowered/Enthroned (6-8; Ps. 8:4-6)  
 ...Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. *At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.*

#### II. The Path to Perfection & Glory: Suffering & Death (9-10)

<sup>9</sup> *But we see him* 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.

<sup>10</sup> *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 Brings Us to Glory

Jesus is the help we need to travel through suffering & death into his glory.

#### I. Jesus Helps Us by Becoming One of Us (11-13)

<sup>11</sup> *For* he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have *one source* (from one). That is why he is not ashamed to call them *brothers*,

We are New Creations with Christ (Paul...)

## 2 Corinthians 5:17–18a

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is *a new creation*. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> *All this is from God*, who through Christ reconciled us to himself...

### A. Jesus Was Rescued from the Cross to Glory

<sup>12</sup> saying, (Ps. 22:22; Rejoicing in God's Help)

“I will *tell* of your name to *my brothers*; in the midst of the congregation I will *sing* your praise.”

1. Jesus (the King) is Our Brother! (e.g. Hamilton)
2. God Rescued Jesus from the Cross! (Example)

## Psalm 22:21, 23–24

<sup>21</sup> *Save me* from the mouth of the lion!

*You have rescued me* from the horns of the wild oxen! ...

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! <sup>24</sup> *For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted*, and he has not hidden his face from him, **but has heard, when he cried to him.**

### B. God Grants Us to Believe through Suffering with Jesus

<sup>13</sup> And again, (Is. 8:17–18, Ahaz, Syria & Israel – Is. 7:2)

“I will put my *trust in him*.”

And again,

“Behold, I (Isaiah/Jesus) and *the children* God has given me.”  
(remnant)

Our Suffering Does Not Mean God thinks Little of Us!

## II. As a Man, Jesus is Our Champion (14-15)

<sup>14</sup> *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*,

<sup>15</sup> and **deliver** all those who through **fear of death** were subject to lifelong slavery.

- Jesus Secures Our Victory over Death (e.g. David & Goliath)

[<sup>16</sup> For surely *it is not angels* that he helps, but *he helps the offspring of Abraham*.]

## III. As a Man, Jesus is Our High Priest (17-18)

<sup>17</sup> **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,

A. **Faithful: Provided Satisfaction for Our Sin** (Why we need not fear death)

...to make *propitiation* for the sins of *the people*.

B. **Merciful: Compassionate Help in the Struggle** (We have help when the journey is too difficult)

<sup>18</sup> **For** because he himself **has suffered** when tempted, *he is able to help* those who are being tempted.

Trust Jesus to help you to travel through your sufferings to your death, leading to his glory.

## Philippians 1:27–30

<sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind *striving side by side for the faith of the gospel*, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, **and that from God**. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should **not only believe in him** but **also suffer for his sake**, <sup>30</sup> engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

1. You are **cared for** as God's child. (Your suffering is precious to him & necessary, **1 Pet. 1:6-7**)
2. You are **secure**, follow our champion into death with boldness (**1 John 5:3–5**)
3. You are **not alone**; Jesus has made **a place** for you with him in heaven & he will **help us** through our sufferings all the way home to his glory! (**1 Pet.4:12–19**)

Ask for help to trust him through death!