

LESSON 2

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

Jesus Made Like His Brothers Hebrews 2:5–18

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2,3 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Day 1: Read Hebrews 2:5–18 and Psalm 8.

1. Chapter 1 heaps up Old Testament citations to prove that Jesus is not just some angel, but God himself. In a radical shift, what does chapter 2 emphasize about Jesus? (Skim 2:5–18)

2. Read Psalm 8.

A. Are verses 4–6 originally written about man or about Jesus?

B. What does this show about the high dignity God bestowed on man?

3. In quoting Psalm 8:4–6, the Hebrews author seems to suddenly switch over in mid-quotation...

A. To whom?

B. What does this switch in reference suggest about the relationship between Jesus and man?

C. Find other language in this week's passage that emphasizes this intimate kinship—and the intertwining of the destinies of Jesus and man. (vss. 10–14, 17)

Day 2: Read 1 Corinthians 15:45–49 and Romans 5:12 ff; 6:11–14.

4. The Bible teaches that there were two “Adams” in history—two representational heads of the human race (1 Cor. 15:45–49; Rom. 5:12 ff)...

A. What was our legacy from the first Adam, under whom we were all born? (Rom. 5:12,14)

B. What is the legacy for us who by faith have been transferred to representation under the second A

C. Does this “reigning in life” (Rom. 5:17) begin now or only when you leave this world? (Rom. 6:11–14)

5. Why was it absolutely necessary for your salvation that Jesus be both God (Heb. 1) and man (Heb. 2)?

Day 3: Read Hebrews 2:8, 9.

6. According to Hebrews 2:8, how much did God put under the risen Christ’s authority? Would you say that’s big enough to include your life and problems?

7. “At present we do not see everything subject to him” (vs. 8). What does this mean—and when will we see it? (1 Cor. 15:24, 25)

Day 4: Read Hebrews 2:9–18

8. Verse 9 says that Jesus was “crowned...because he suffered.” Verse 10 adds that he was made “perfect through suffering.” Does that principle apply only to Jesus or does it have anything to

do with your own progress in perfection? (Acts 14:22; Philippians 1:29)

9. In what ways was Jesus made like man? (vs. 17)

10. Jesus made Himself like us—and suffered like us—so that he could be “merciful” and could “help” us (vss. 17, 18). Do you find that when you experience and overcome temptations of various kinds, it helps you to be merciful and helpful to others?

Day 5: (See verses below).

11. The Bible is the story of Paradise possessed (Gen. 1, 2), then lost (Gen. 2 ff), then regained (Rev. 19–22; Heb. 2:5) through Jesus Christ. Can it be—is it too good to be true!—that in the “world to come” (Heb. 2:5), in the “new heaven and new earth” (Rev. 21:1), that God intends to restore to the sons of the second Adam the dominion over creation (Gen. 1:26–28) that they forfeited under the first Adam? (Heb. 2:5; 1 Cor. 6:2, 3)