

Hebrews 2:5 – 3:6

In our last session, we learn why we must pay the most careful attention to the salvation the Son has brought. This is because the Son is far superior than the angels. If the message that the angels brought has punishment for its disobedience, surely the consequences of rejecting the message of the Son and the Son himself will be far more severe.

This is a message that has been confirmed to the author by those who heard the Son. However, what is this message? The rest of Hebrews chapter 2 will give us the beginning of the answer.

Launch

Do you think people fear death? Do you? Why do you think mankind in general fears death?

Hebrews 2:5 – 3:6 – Jesus’ Sonship is Greater than Moses’ Servanthood

Read Hebrews 2:5 – 3:6

- 1) What passage does the author quote in Hebrews 2:6-8?
 - a. To whom has God *not* subjected the world to come? (v5)
 - b. Read Psalm 8:4-6 and take notice of the footnotes. Read Hebrews 2:6-8 and also take notice of the footnotes. Who is the passage referring to?
 - c. Who has God subjected the world to come?
- 2) What do we see at present? (v8b-9)
 - a. Why is Jesus crowned with honour and glory? What is the purpose of it? (v9)
- 3) Who are these “sons and daughters” that God has brought to glory? (v10)
 - a. Who is the pioneer of the salvation of these “sons and daughters”?
 - b. How is it that this pioneer is made perfect through what he suffered? (v10)
- 4) How does the author describe the relationship between the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy? (v11)
 - a. What does Jesus call them? (v11b-13)
- 5) What is the purpose of Jesus sharing in their humanity? (v14)
- 6) According to the author, who holds the power of death? (v14)



- a. How/why does he have the power of death? (v15)
- 7) How have you seen this manifest itself in our world?
 - a. How then does the Son break his power?
- 8) What does verse 16 tell us about our relationship to Abraham?
- 9) Why must the Son be fully human to make atonement for the sins of the people?
- 10) In what ways can verse 18 be a comforting verse for Christians?
- 11) Try to draw to the best of your abilities the different illustrations that the author gives in Hebrews 3:2-6. Once you have done that, what comparison does the author draw between the “houses”?

Application

- 12) Think back to your launch question. What would you say to someone who fears death?
- 13) What some ways that we can fix our thoughts on Jesus in our daily lives?
- 14) How does knowing that we are of the same family as God and Jesus change the way we live and interact with each other?

All through our lives, we have been held in slavery by our fear of death. This is true whether we are aware of it or not. Deep down, we know that after death comes judgement from God. Without the priesthood work of the Son, we are all surely and rightly condemned to eternal torment. However, praise God that we do have a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, making atonement for the sins of the people!

That is how he breaks the power of the devil, and frees his people from their slavery to fear of death. After all, atonement has been made for us, we have nothing to be fearful about. Therefore, given that this high priest has done this great work for us, let us fix our thoughts on Jesus – our apostle and high priest (3:1). He is the faithful Son over God’s house – those who hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory? (3:6)