

Hebrews: From Shadow to Substance*Not Yet, My Friend, Not Yet*

Hebrews 2:5-9

If a person could reduce the message of the Bible down to one sentence it might be the following:

“Jesus Christ is Creator of all, Ruler over all, and Savior for all who trust Him.”

In the last 100 years, through the influence of scientists like Edwin Hubble and Robert Wilson, science has come to realize that the universe is expanding, and thus there was a creation. The gospel message points us to Christ as Savior. But where does the Bible teach us that Jesus rules? Right here in Hebrews 2:5-9: *“You have put all things in subjection under His feet”* (v. 8). Wow. We struggle because we don’t yet see it. *“We do not yet see all things subjected to Him”* (v. 8). The greatest struggle you have in your life is reconciling **truth** with what you see or don’t see.

I. The God who loved you enough to die for you is RULER of your life.

Hebrews 2:5 reiterates the message of Hebrews chapter one. Jesus is superior to the angels. Hebrews 2:6-8 is a direct quotation from the Jewish Psalms (Psalm 8) and describes Jesus.

A. Jesus incarnated Himself as a man and was made lower than the angels (v. 7).

The Hebrew word for man is *Enosh*, which means “frail man.” Jesus, in His humanity, was encompassed with infirmities. He had no fame or esteem, was acquainted with sorrows, was subject to death. This man experienced the favor of the Heavenly Father.

B. Jesus incarnated Himself as a man by the grace of God to taste death (v. 9).

Most people think the grace of God means life, but our text says God’s grace is in death. In other words, the greatest grace ever given to you from God is the death of His Son. Christ died in your stead. He tasted death for His people, for those who will trust Him. It is this Man, Jesus the Christ, to Whom the Father has “put all things in subjection.”

II. If God tasted death for you in great grace will He not RULE your life well?

I must be careful here. We live in a world of great pain and sorrow because of man’s sin. In no way do I wish to minimize the pain you feel due to sin and the worst enemy of all - death. But the teaching of the Bible is clear and simple. Christ is Ruler over every event of your life. We think that we could better rule our lives. We think that we could better orchestrate events. *“We do not see all things subject to Him”* (v. 8). We see the curse of sin winning. We see the bitter enemy of death victorious. We see our heartache and our pain and we think He’s not in control, or that He does not love us. I cannot give you an answer to the “whys” of your life. I can help you by simply saying, “Not yet, my friend, not yet” do you see Him Ruling **well**. But you will. Your tears will be wiped away. Sorrows will be turned into joy. It’s coming.

III. The guarantee of your life RULED well by God is the death of Jesus Christ for you.

Have you noticed there is something we don’t yet see (v.8b) and something we do see (v. 9)? What we see now is Jesus “made for a little while” lower than the angels to suffer death. He suffered death by the grace of God that He might taste death for you! Do you see this? If you do, then I ask, “What good thing in life is there that God will ever keep from you?” This is the argument of the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:31-32: *“If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”* Our greatest comfort is Christ’s death. This is why we sing, we proclaim, we encourage one another with the story of Calvary.