

## He's Not Ashamed to Be Called My Brother

Hebrews 2:11-15

In the text we see five reasons why *Jesus will never be ashamed of us*, and why we can live our lives with freedom and courage, resting in the abiding favor and goodness of God upon our lives.

### I. He's from *our* Father.

*"For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one"* (v. 11).

We sometimes need to be reminded that Jesus, the Captain of our deliverance, the one who changes us, comes from God the Father in the same manner we come from Him. Fashioned in a mother's womb, born into a cursed world, suffering hunger, thirst and weariness of life; Jesus is our kinsman. He is our brother. He is man. *"For which reason He is not ashamed."* By the way, the Jews understood the kinsman-redeemer principle within the Old Covenant. *"When one is poor and sold into slavery, one of his brothers may redeem him"* (Lev. 25:49).

### II. He feels *our* trials.

Have you realized that Jesus had to exercise faith in the Father like you must exercise faith? We have no problem understanding that Jesus' purpose was to "glorify the Father" (see v.12). *"I will put my trust in Him"* is spoken of Jesus and His need to trust the Father (Psalm 18). He trusted the Father's plan of redemption, disrobing Himself of glory. He committed His Spirit unto the Father at death, and asked Him to not abandon Him in the grave (Psalm 16). The concept of "band of brothers" is based upon bonds created in men during hardships. Jesus Christ feels your trials. He knows the struggle you have with trust. He's your brother.

### III. He fulfills *our* Law.

*"He Himself partook of the same (flesh and blood) that **through death** he might ..."* (v. 14).

This is one of the most powerful verses in the New Testament. It explains why Jesus is not ashamed for you to call Him brother. He took upon himself flesh **to die**. The Law of God stated, *"You shall therefore keep My statutes and My rules and live"* (Leviticus 18:5). It is without dispute that man has "transgressed" and the penalty of the law is death. Jesus Christ took upon Himself flesh in order to fulfill the Law on your behalf. He paid your debt.

### IV. Jesus fells *our* enemy.

*"He renders powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil"* (v. 14).

The Jews called the devil *"the angel of death."* He cannot kill and destroy men at will, but because he first broke the Law of God, he tempts men to do the same, accuses them before the Father, and then throws fiery darts to the guilty reminding them of judgment. Jesus rendered your enemy, your accuser, powerless. Attention! The goat has left the camp!

### V. He frees us from *our* fears.

*"He frees those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives"* (v. 15).

This verse speaks primarily to the Hebrews who were very familiar with all the rituals and requirements of the civil and ceremonial laws of God. They feared death. Jesus freed them. But it has a secondary meaning for those of you who have been burdened within because of your failures, but believe Jesus has delivered you! He is NOT ASHAMED of you.