

## **You Matter, So Look to Jesus!**

### **Hebrews 2:5-9**

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere,  
"What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?  
<sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>8</sup> putting everything in subjection under his feet."

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. <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. – Hebrews 2:5-9

### **We Have a Very Great Salvation!**

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set  
your glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of  
your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.  
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the  
stars, which you have set in place,  
what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for  
him?  
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him  
with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,  
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! – Psalm 8:1-9

But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' – Luke 14:16-20

### **But, All Things Are Not as They Are Supposed to Be.**

At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. – Hebrews 2:8b

"By one man, sin entered the world." – Romans 5:12

"For *all* have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." – Romans 3:23

"Whatever we have been able to conquer, we have not conquered death. It triumphs everywhere. It strikes babies and teenagers and young adults and

mid-lifers and older people. It scoffs at our medicines and surgeries and diets and vitamins and exercise programs. When all is said and done, rocket scientists die. Politicians die. Doctors die. Professors die. Nobel prize winners die. The rich die and the poor die. The good die and the evil die. Farmers die. Bankers die. Carpenters die. Computer programmers die. And preachers die. Death is *not* subject to man. And therefore *nothing* is ultimately subject to us, because it is only a matter of time till it will all be taken away from us, and what we thought we had mastered will be ripped out of our hands. That's what this writer is painfully aware of at the end of verse 8." John Piper

### **But We See Jesus!**

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. – Hebrews 2:9

"When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Corinthians 15:54-57