

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Series: "Baby Jesus: the Author of Salvation!"

Text: Hebrews 2:5-18

INTRODUCTION:

1. Hebrews 1 focuses on the _____ of Jesus, God's Son. Basing his argument squarely on Scripture, the author proves that Jesus stands head and shoulders above all the angelic beings put together.
2. Hebrews 2 focuses on the _____ of Jesus, God's Son. Two possible objections to the superiority of God's Son over angels:
 - A. Objection #1: The _____ of God's Son
 - B. Objection #2: The _____ of God's Son

In verses 5-18, the author argues that Christ's superiority to angels is not contradicted by His humanity or by His sufferings. His self-humiliation in becoming man, & His self-humbling to the point of death, even death on a cross; . . . these actions enabled Him to regain man's lost dominion.

MAN'S DESTINY _____ BY GOD (vss. 5-8a)

1. Angelic position in the present order (vs. 5) . . .
 - A. A position of _____.
 - B. A position that is _____.
2. Man's destiny (vs. 5) . . .
 - A. at _____ (vss. 6-8a; a quote from Psalm 8:4-6)
Both the author of Hebrews and the psalmist reflect upon the divine mandate given to Adam (see Gen. 1, 2; particularly Gen. 1:26, 28).
 - B. in "the world to come" (vs. 5)
"the world to come" refers to the coming age when Christ at His return will establish His rule as the promised Davidic King. "The world to come" refers to the inhabited earth under Christ's reign (during the Millennium, & then into the eternal state). See 1 Cor. 15:20-26, 28.

MAN'S DESTINY _____ BY SIN (vs. 8b)

Man's revealed destiny was restricted by Adam's and Eve's sin (see Genesis 3)

1. _____ came upon all mankind, & we all became sinners
Scripture: Romans 3:23 and 5:12, 18
2. God lost His human representative to rule over the realm of Earth.
Adam delivered the authority of the earthly realm to _____.
3. The impact of Adam's and Eve's sin befell all of God's creation.
Scripture: Genesis 3:8-24 and Romans 8:20-22
 - A. all of creation subjected to _____
 - B. all of creation is under "_____ to decay"
 - C. all of creation "_____"
4. In judging the Satan God gave _____ to mankind (Gen. 3:15)
5. What mankind lost by the Fall, the man Christ Jesus ("the last Adam" - 1 Cor. 15:45) has achieved. **See Hebrews 2:9.**

MAN'S DESTINY _____ BY CHRIST (vss. 9-18)

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone" (vs. 9).

1. The Son gave up His preincarnate glory to become man.
2. The Son humbled Himself & became obedient to death on a cross.
3. The Son regained His glory when He arose & ascended to heaven.
4. The Son is bringing many sons to glory (see 2:10 ... to the glorious position of rulership and dominion that God intended for man as detailed in Genesis 1:26, 28 and Psalm 8:3-7).

Have you received God's Christmas gift?

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)