

Hebrews Lesson 12

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Vs 9 “Jesus...was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death.”

- Jesus Christ, the eternal God, predates the earth, but when He came to earth, He took human form (a little lower than the angels) so that He could die for our sins; to “**taste death for every man.**”
- Now He is “**crowned with glory and honour.**”
 - This is the Jesus Christ in view throughout the book of Hebrews.
- All of this was necessary to restore fallen man to the position he had before the fall.

CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR

By the Father:

- The Father bestowed His Holy Spirit upon His Son at His baptism. (Matthew 3:16, Mk 1:10).
- He sent messages of cheer and approval from heaven. (2 Pet 1:17, Mat 3:17, 17:5, Mk 1:11, Lk 3:22).
- He transfigured Him on the mount to show men His Kingdom Glory (Mat 17:2, Mark 9:2, Luke 9:29).
- He sent angels to guard His grave (Mat 28:1-7, Mk 16:6, Lk 24:6).
- He raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:15, 4:10, 13:30, 17:31, Rom 4:24, 6:9, 8:11, 10:9, 1 Cor 15:15, Gal 1:1, Eph 1:20, Col. 2:12, 1 Thess 1:10, 2 Tim 2:8, 1 Pet 1:21).
- He welcomed Him as He ascended to heaven (John 20:17, Psa 24:3, 68:18).
- He gave Him the seat of power in His right hand (Heb 1:8, Mat 28:18).

By the Angels:

- They sang songs and rejoiced at His birth (Luke 2:13-14).
- They ministered to Him in His temptation in the wilderness (Mat 4:11).
- They attended and announced His resurrection (Mat 28:6).
- They watched Him ascend (Acts 1:11).
- They minister to the heirs of His salvation (Heb 1:14).
- They worship Him in heaven (Rev 7:11, 14:6-7).

By Men:

- Wise men came from afar and brought gifts fit for a king (Mat 2:1-11).
- Simeon and Anna honored Him at his dedication in the temple (Luke 2:25-38).
- John the Baptist crowned Him with glory and honor: “**He must increase, I must decrease**” (Jn 3:30) “**There cometh one mightier than I after me.**” (Mk 1:7).
- Multitudes honored Him while He walked this earth (Mat 4:25, 8:1, 9:8, 21:9).
- Millions have honored Him by receiving Him as their Savior (Acts 2:47, 5:14).
- The saints of all ages will honor and glorify Him (Rev 4:11).

THE TWO GLORIES

The glory of His deity: Hebrews 1:3, John 17:4-5, “**The glory which I had with thee...**” His glory as God.

The glory of His humanity: Hebrews 2:9, John 17:24, “**my glory, which thou hast given me...**” Given because of what He did. This is the glory He recovered for Adam’s race.

Vs 9 “**That he should taste death for every man.**” This emphasizes the fact that Jesus died a slow, agonizing death to save all men from their sins and restore mankind. He felt the wrath of God and every grief, sorrow, sin, heartache, tear, etc. The cross was something to be endured for a time.

CALVINISM

- John Calvin (1509-1564 A.D.): Roman Catholic priest who believed the doctrines of Jerome (342-420 A.D.).
- **Teachings of Calvin:**
 - God created some men to go to heaven. This would demonstrate His grace.
 - God created some men to go to hell and suffer forever. This would demonstrate His power.
 - Jesus Christ only died for those that God had predetermined He would save. (Limited atonement).
 - Everything is according to God's grace. Man doesn't do anything according to his own will.
- Calvinism is strongly refuted by Hebrews 2:9 and other scriptures (2 Cor 5:15, 1 Jn 2:2).

Vs 10 **"For it became him..."** If something is becoming, it is suitable, appropriate, it looks right.

"...to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." It looks right for God to punish His own Son to provide forgiveness for your sins and eternal life to all who believe. God's grace and His character are evident in those actions.

- God will not leave sin unpunished.
- God will do everything in His power to save you.
- God has always punished sin, but He also provided a way for sinners to escape the punishment if they would only believe Him.
 - Adam's sin was punished, but God provided a covering for his sin.
 - Cain brought the wrong offering, God pleaded with him so He could escape punishment.
 - God destroyed all mankind because they were evil. He provided an ark for all who would believe and enter. Noah and his family believed and escaped judgment.
 - Sodom and Gomorrah must be destroyed for their wickedness. God rescued Lot and his family before the destruction.
 - The wages of sin is death. God provided His Son to die for all our sins.

"...in bringing many sons unto glory."

- The Hebrews were turning back to Judaism because they were suffering for their Christian faith.
- If you will endure suffering, Christ can bring you to glory through that suffering. Just as He was crowned with glory through His suffering, we also can be brought to a place where we are living as one who is glorified today and not overcome by sin.

"...to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

- Christ was perfected through sufferings.
- He wants us to also be perfected through our sufferings (**Ephesians 4:11-13, Php 3:9-10**).

11-12 **"Both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified..."** Jesus is set forth as our example of how to conduct ourselves in the church. He's not ashamed to call them brethren. He declares your name to the brethren.

- He doesn't condemn, He doesn't criticize, and he doesn't speak poorly of the brethren. That's our example to follow.