

**Sermon Notes of
Pastor Glen Weber's Sermon on September 20, 2015
"Hebrews Initiative #2:
Why the Son of Man?"**

[In today's sermon, part 2 of a 12 part series on the book of Hebrews, Senior Pastor Glen Weber points out that chapter 2 reveals to us why God became man.]

Notes:

Introduction – Last Week:

- Last week the author of Hebrews brought revelation of who the Son is – the exact radiance of the Father,
- who sustains all things,
- who created all things,
- who brought purification from sin,
- and who sits at the right hand of God.

- In the first chapter, we see Jesus is very superior to angels – no angel has ever been called “My son.”
- One reason for this discussion is that the Jewish community was enamored with angels.
- We also see that God now speaks to humanity, not through His prophets, as before, but through His Son.

Today:

- In the second chapter we see that the first 4 verses remind us to listen and not ignore the great salvation offered to us.
- Next we'll proceed to a topic that continues from the end of chapter one to discuss the humanity of Jesus.

Moment of listening :

- Take a few minutes and read from Hebrews 2:5 on.
- Listen for the Holy Spirit to stop you on some thought – it might be a question, something you've never thought of before, or whatever.
- Do not go on – stop at that point.
- We need to learn to meditate on what the Holy Spirit brings to our mind.

Concepts brought to mind:

- God calls us His children.
- Jesus tasted death for everyone.

Heb. 2:5, It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.

- This verse ties back to the discussion of angels in chapter 1.
- Angels will not be leaders of the “world to come.”
- The author of Hebrews is now going to do an exegetical study of Psalm 8.

Psa. 8:3-8, When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4) what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5) You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6) You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: 7) all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, 8) the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Hebrews 2:6, But there is a place where someone has testified: “What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? 7) You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor

- Here the author of Hebrews reflects on David’s comments that God ordained humanity to rule over the earth’s creation, even though they were created a little lower than the angels.
- Mankind was made lower than the angels but will be crowned with glory and honor and have the creation in subjection.

8) and put everything under their feet.” In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them.

- In the future, there is nothing that will not be subject to mankind.

8c) Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them

- Not everything is subject to humanity yet.
- Our sin has hindered that.

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

- In the death of Jesus, He experienced death for everyone.
- Through His death, Jesus conquered death for all humanity.

10) In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

- God the Father made the author of our salvation, Jesus, perfect through suffering.
- And through this process, Jesus brings many sons and daughters to glory.

Video: God Only Knows – Beach Boys:

- The lyrics emphasized in this video are: “God only knows what I'd be without you.”
- This is so true – we would have never been brought to glory without Jesus.

11) Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

- We have become part of the same family as Jesus through Him!
- Thus, He is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters.

12) He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

- Jesus declares our name among the brethren.
- He sings our praises among the congregation!

13) And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

- He puts His trust in us – because it is He who is dwelling within us.
- He is with those God has given Him.

Jesus Incarnation:

14) Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil –

- Jesus shared in our humanity – flesh and blood and had our human nature – but lived perfectly.
- Through His death, He destroys the works of the devil especially death.

15) and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

- Now we are freed from the fear of death.
- Death is a long and nasty process.

16) For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants.

- He doesn’t help angels but rather the children of Abraham – humanity.

17) For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

- He became like us in every way, including our human nature, so He could be a merciful high priest to make atonement for our sins and to present us holy to God.

18) Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- Jesus is able to help us when we are tempted because He suffered and agonized when He was tempted.

Concluding thoughts:

- Since Jesus did all of these things for us, His incarnation and then death and resurrection – and continues to serve us, as our High Priest to the Father – we should respond to His leadership in our life.
- God only knows what we would be like without Jesus.
- We wouldn't be anything without Him.
- But with Him, we are the Children of God crowned with glory and honor.

Closing Prayer: