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Last week we carefully looked at the importance of *paying much closer attention to what we have heard* from the Old Testament prophets and from the Lord Himself, lest we *let it slip by*, neglecting *so great salvation*, and thereby receiving a *just recompense*. The author, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, warns his readers! We, *as partakers of the heavenly calling* (Heb. 3:1), need to heed these warnings. As an example of *neglecting this so great salvation*, the author gives us a reference to the Children of Israel (Heb. 2:2), but this reference will not be expounded upon until the third and fourth chapters of Hebrews. Therefore, we will save an in-depth look into this example until we get to these chapters.

As with the Children of Israel, the point of this first warning has to do with God's people *losing their inheritance* through continual disobedience, or through simple indifference to what God said. They let the knowledge and understanding of this *so great salvation* slip. And the warning is clear — if we neglect or ignore this salvation, just as they did, we will receive a just recompense (exact payment for services rendered), just as they did. The author includes himself in this warning, "*For this reason we..*" (Heb. 2:1).

The implication is clear. We, as Christians, *will receive* a just recompense for the way we live our lives. We stand to *gain our inheritance* through close adherence to the warnings in Scripture, or we stand to *lose our inheritance* by not obeying, or paying close attention. Isn't that what it says?

From chapter one, we see that the Lord Jesus Christ will be seated upon the Throne and rule from Mount Zion. Hebrews 1:9 mentions the Son's *companions*. This week we are going to find out a little more about these *companions*. The fact of the matter is this — the *companions* of the Son, in that future day, will be those who are presently heeding the warnings of the Holy Spirit penned by the author of Hebrews. Take care to hear and heed what the Spirit says to the churches.

Day One — Psalm 8

Be sure to begin your week of study in prayer. Please pray for an open, teachable heart and mind for yourself. Also pray for the others who are taking this study with you. Be sure to remember your discussion leader.

Take a moment now to read Hebrews chapter two a few times through. Mark it up. Study it carefully. Understand what it is saying. When you are finished, continue with your assignment. Do that now.

I trust that, by this time, you have a pretty good handle of what the first section Hebrews chapter two is speaking about. So let's go on to the next section. Within the context of referring to that *coming age when the world will not be subject to angels any longer*, the author recalls a Psalm which David wrote. Specifically read Hebrews 2:6-8. This quote is from Psalm 8.

Now find your **Psalm 8** sheet in your Appendix (p. 223) and read this Old Testament quote in its original context. First, highlight vv. 4-6, as these are the verses quoted in Hebrews chapter two. Read the Psalm in its entirety. Spend a little time marking up your sheet so that you are very familiar with this Psalm. When you have finished studying this Psalm, continue working through your homework.

Look up the word <0582> used in this Psalm. Then look up the root of the word, and write out your conclusion.

<0582> **man:**

<0605> **the root of the above word:**

From what you have learned from these definitions combined, write out the definition for the word **man** in your own words:

In Heb. 2:6-8, could the author of the Book of Hebrews be referring to man, *as in Adam and his offspring*, or to Man, *as the Son of Man*? What do you think?

Comparing Psalm 8:5 with Hebrews 2:4-6, who was man made lower than?

If you go back to the bottom of page 24 and top of page 25 in your lesson for Week Two homework and look over what you learned about the same situation from a previous Psalm we considered, you'll probably understand what is happening here. Take a minute to flip back to page 24.

So, who is it that man was made lower than?

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Still considering Psalm 8:5, what else is stated about man?

WHOA! Did you get that? Write out what God will do with man.

Let's compare Scripture with Scripture. Look at the statement which the Godhead made when "They" — the Godhead — created man:

Genesis 1

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

What similarities do you see in Psalm 8 and the passage in Genesis? Write out the similarities.

Genesis 1:26-28

Psalm 8:6-8

Having done this, can you see what dominion man was, and is to have *over the earth*? Yes? Good. But look at this. (This should blow your mind. If it doesn't you should be checked!!) In Psalm 8, compare v. 3 with v. 6. Ultimately, what is man to rule over?

Can you believe it? Ultimately, man will rule over everything that has ever been created! Can you think of a more glorious calling? *When I consider thy heavens....* I can't even imagine. And I have a feeling it about blew David's mind, too.

But now, let's get our feet back down to the earth! For the Messianic Era anyway, the sons of man, along with the Son of Man, will rule over the inhabited earth (Heb. 2:5). Angels will no longer be rulers over the earth. God, through the King Whom He will seat upon the Throne in Zion, will bring the earth back into order. God will take 1,000 years to accomplish this. The final enemy to be brought under subjection will be death — *separation*. And after this time period referred to in Scripture as *the Day of the Lord*, the seventh day, ALL things will be brought back into subjection to God, so that He will be all in all (1Cor. 15:25-28).

Look back at Hebrews 2:7, 8a. What has God done for man? Write out four things mentioned in the verse:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

What is this? *God has **appointed man** over the works of His hands.* APPOINTED man! Does that word *appointed* ring a bell? It should! Go back to Hebrews 1:1, 2. Who is the *appointed* heir of all things?

Are you beginning to see exactly what is involved in being a co-heir with Christ? In the end, won't it be worth it all?

Now jump down to the end of verse 8. *...But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.*

We are still waiting, but we are not alone in our waiting! Jesus Christ is also presently waiting for these things to come about (Heb. 1:13, cf. Heb. 10:13).

Think about these things today. See you tomorrow.

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...For in subjecting all things to him [man], He [God] left nothing that is not subject to him [man]. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him [man] (Heb. 2:8). So much for the kingdom being here and now!

Be in prayer about your study today. You may not initially understand how it is connected to our study, but ask the Lord to bring it to light.

G.H. Lang in his book THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS writes:

At present God is not saving the human race entire and its affairs corporate, but is selecting from it the company that are to rule the universe, superseding the existing government. He is preparing for a complete reorganizing of His entire empire, and is giving to these future rulers the severe training which is indispensable to fitting them for such responsible duties and high dignities. The gospel has *not* failed, but is fulfilling the purpose God plainly announced, though not the end that many preachers have mistakenly proposed, namely, the conversion of the whole race. That general and most desirable betterment of this sin-cursed earth is in the plans of God, but falls for accomplishment in the *next* period of the divine program, not in this age. There is manifest wisdom in a great Leader first training a body of efficient subordinates before seeking to reorganize society at large.

Herein is the very purpose for the Book of Hebrews. It is written to the children of God who have been placed in a race which needs to be finished successfully. Hebrews focuses our attention on the end, the goal. And the author warns us of the short falls which would keep us from attaining to that goal. Keep these thoughts in mind

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as we work through this epistle. The *goal* and the *way*. The *end* and the *means*. And be warned — the way is filled with the potential of numerous short falls.

While that is true, *the way being filled with many short falls*, it is also true that there has been One sent by God Who has traveled this way *as one of us*, **for all of us**. He has been tempted in all ways as we have been tempted, yet never fell (Heb. 4:15; *c.f.* 1 Cor. 10:13). He has suffered death to free us from the bondage of death. Let's take time today to see just what some of this means to us.

In the space below, write out the exact quote from Hebrews 2:7-8a.

In what you wrote above, underline the middle phrase of v. 7. Reading on in v. 8, how much did God place under the subjection of man?

"But.." But what? Do we now see all things under subjection to man?

Not yet! In your own words, why hasn't the earth become subject to man yet? Do you know? Write out what you think.

I hope that what you wrote refers to an event that took place nearly 6,000 years ago in a most beautiful garden. I have the story printed out in the Appendix with the heading of **Genesis 1:25-3:5** (p. 233). This section of Scripture will give you a synopsis of the complete event. Pull these pages out and as you read it, allow it to draw a picture in your mind. Even allow the picture to become a *moving* picture, a video, if you will. For in gaining an understanding of these early events in man's history, you will be better able to grasp what is taking place here in Hebrews. Give yourself time to work through these passages. Pray through them. Ask God to help you make connections which would be in line with His complete revelation. Keep on keeping on in today's homework. It will be invaluable to you in any future studies of Scripture. (Rather than having you read this in your Bible, it is printed out in the Appendix so that you can mark it up as you study through it). Study it now.

My, oh my! What a story. Ask God to engrave this story into your mind. It is very valuable in many areas of the study in Scripture, but the value we want to take from it today is this: the reason *why we do not yet see all things subjected to man* is because of this very incident — the *woman ate, then gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it*. Therefore, we do not yet see all things subject to man. That's the bad news.

But Hebrews tells us the good news: ***But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus...*** (Heb. 2:9).

We'll study more on Jesus and this good news tomorrow, and will be tying all of this together on Day Five. So hang in there.

One last thing. If you so desire, you could write out a very brief synopsis of what you learned today. You will need to recall it quickly for Day Five.

Day Three — The Pre-determined Plan of God

Do you think that Adam's action took God by surprise? Do you think that God's purpose for mankind has been thwarted? Do you think that God was forced to bring into the picture a **new** plan, one that He had not planned on? May it never be!!!

Remember to pray for your study time today.

The Scriptures tell us that His sending Jesus Christ to the earth was the *pre-determined* plan of God. This is not to say that God forced man to sin, for such could never be the case (Jas. 1:13-16). Man sinned of his own free choice. And death entered the human race. But the good news is that God did not abandon us. He knew this was the way it was going to be and He had made a plan for it. Read the following verses which speak about these things. I have underlined what you may want to note:

Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know — 23 this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death...”

Luke 22:22 “For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!”

Acts 3:18 “But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ should suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

1 Peter 1:19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood of Christ*. 20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

What impressions do you get from these verses?

Today we are going to re-read Hebrews chapter two from your worksheet. While going through it again, pay special attention to v. 9-13, noticing how the quote from Psalm 8 flows into the rest of Hebrews chapter two.

In the quote from Psalm 8 and in Hebrews 2:7-8 we see that both man and Jesus Christ was *made for a little while lower than the angels*. While it may be easy to see how man was made for a little while lower than the angels, it is much more difficult to see that Jesus was made such. How is it that Jesus, the Son of God and God the Son, was made lower than the angels? Can you put this into words yet? Try it!

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The Book of Hebrews deals with *regality over the earth*. So, keeping Hebrews 2:9 in context, we can see that it is with regards to **rulership over the earth** that Jesus was made lower than the angels. Hebrews chapter one says that Jesus is *appointed heir of all things*, and that He *has inherited a name more excellent than the angels*. If He is still the heir (and He is), then this means that He has not yet acquired His inheritance. When the heir receives his inheritance, then he is no longer referred to as *an heir* but rather as *the owner*. With respect to Christ and His inheritance, that has yet to happen, although He is seated far above all rulers and authorities. Jesus Christ *has yet* to receive His inheritance — the whole earth.

When will He become *owner* rather than *heir*? In that Coming Day (that Glorious Coming Day!) when the LORD God will seat His Son upon the throne, and when the Son asks His Father for the nations as His inheritance, even the ends of the earth (Ps. 2). Then He will no longer be lower than the angels in any respect, as He will have received His inheritance in full. And He will have acquired a name more excellent than theirs, even in regards to regality of the earth.

He was made for a little while lower than the angels...

Are you seeing how all of this fits together? Let's glimpse another facet of this picture.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned ...

...14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

...18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

Notice in v. 14 the word **type** is used. A type [*tupos* in Greek] is a person or thing prefiguring a future person or thing. Adam, being a type of Christ, prefigures Him.

1 Corinthians 15:20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. **21** For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.

What did you learn from these two verses?

Now see how this affects us:

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but...

What is the result of sin?

God would not leave us without hope. In His predetermined plan He would give us a free gift —

... the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Notice the comparison between *death* and *life*.

Remember Adam partook of the very thing that Eve did, and he died for it. Look at what Jesus did for us:

Isaiah 53

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. **5** But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. **6** All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us — for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”

1 Peter 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit

So, what did Christ do for us?

This was the only way that Jesus could effect our redemption. He, Who knew no sin, became sin so that He could suffer death for everyone, that we might be made alive again. We were born in the image of Adam — in the image of his fallen state — therefore, we were born spiritually dead (separated from God). But Jesus *became* sin for us so that He could DIE for us so that He might bring about our redemption.

There is more to learn tomorrow on the type of Adam and the antitype of Christ. Keep on praying!

If you would like, you might want to write out a very brief summary of what you learned today. Remember, you'll need to recall it for Day Five.

Day Four — Conditional Blessings

Yesterday we saw that Adam is a type of Christ. A *type* is a person or thing which prefigures a future person or thing. Paul told us about this type/antitype picture of Adam and Christ in Romans 5:14.

Today we want to pull some things together in Scripture. Please pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Do you remember in our second week of study we looked over Psalm 45? It is a love song, which depicts a bride's love for a victorious king, and about a throne which is a *forever and ever throne*, and an anointing with the oil of gladness for the King and His companions. This Psalm also pictures a wedding with a bride whose dress is interwoven with gold. She and her companions will be led forth with gladness and rejoicing, and she will be led into the King's palace. Do you remember the beautiful detail? If you'd like, please feel free to go back and re-read Psalm 45.

It seems that this is just one of many pictures God uses to get a point across. He desires us to understand that faithful Christians will sit on the Throne with His Son, in that coming Day. He gives us this picture in several places using several different metaphors but all refer to the same truth — some Christians, but not all, will have the privilege of ruling and reigning with Christ from the heavenly realm over all the earth. Some Christians, but not all, will receive a full reward...an abundant entrance into the kingdom. Some Christians, but not all, will be crowned to share in His glory when He is revealed. But there are conditions attached to these privileges.

Printed below are many passages which reveal the different metaphors which God uses to get His truth across. Among the metaphors are: companions, faithful servants, co-heirs, overcomers, and a bride. As you come to these metaphors in Scripture, you will see that there are conditions attached to becoming a companion, a faithful servant, a co-heir, an overcomer, and a bride. Read the passages below and see if you can ascertain the conditions and the benefits. Circle the conditions and underline the benefits. Some passages will contain both the condition and the blessing or benefit. Some will only contain one or the other. The sum total of these passages gives us a proper perspective.

Partakers/Companions...

Hebrews 1:9 “THOU HAST LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAW-LESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, THY GOD, HATH ANOINTED THEE WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE THY COMPANIONS.”

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession....6 but Christ *was faithful* as a Son over His house whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end. ...14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end

Hebrews 6:11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end

Hebrews 12:10 For they [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for *our* good, that we may share His holiness.

Faithful servant...

Luke 16:10 “He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

Luke 19:17 “And he said to him, ‘Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, be in authority over ten cities.’

Matthew 25:21 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.’

Co-heirs...

Romans 8:17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

John 12:26 “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall My servant also be; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

2 Timothy 2:12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

Overcomers...

Revelation 2:26 ‘And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received *authority* from My Father;

Revelation 3:21 ‘He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Revelation 21:7 “He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

A bride...

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might present you *as* a pure virgin.

Revelation 19:7 “Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.”

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; 26 that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He

who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

General Blessing and Conditions...

1 Peter 4:13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.

Luke 6:22 “Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. 23 Be glad in that day, and leap *for joy*, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets...”

Matthew 5:10 “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when *men* cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. 12 Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you...”

Acts 5:41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for *His* name.

Colossians 1:21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach-- 23 if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister. 24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ’s afflictions.

2 Corinthians 4:17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal <166> weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and WILL THEN RECOMPENSE EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.

<166> eternal

<165> eternity

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Generally speaking, what is a consistent thing taught throughout the passages using these metaphors? What seemed to be **consistent conditions**?

Do you see that these passages are basically referring to the same thing — that of partaking in the blessings in the coming age? Any comments? Tomorrow we will tie this all together.

Would you please write out a very brief summary of what you learned today. You'll see the need for it tomorrow.

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This week we have learned a few things which may *seem* somewhat unrelated, but they are not. Pray that these things will come together for you correctly and that you will understand things aright. Please stop and pray for that now.

If you wrote summaries at the end of the three days' homework, go back and read them now. In order to tie things together today, you will need to recall and piece together what you have learned.

There is one metaphor I would like to draw attention to today. That of **the Bride**. Go back and re-read that section on page 64.

Now remember our study about Adam and Eve and the fact that it was not good that Adam was alone? In fact, he would not be able to accomplish *alone* that which God had created him to do. He would need a help mate. So God took a part of Adam's body and shaped it into a woman, and God presented the woman back to the man, and the two, together, could then accomplish that which God had created them to do when He said, "...*Let them rule.*" But the man and woman failed. God had a pre-determined plan to redeem man. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ — the Second Man, the last Adam.

Remember, also, that Adam is a type of Christ. (A *type* is a person or thing which prefigures an *antitype*, future person or thing.) Jesus Christ is the antitype of Adam. Adam, though he was created to rule, sinned and lost the right. Christ was begotten *in order to* be installed as King on the Holy Mount (Ps. 2). But, as Adam in the type, so Christ in the antitype — Christ can not do this job alone. He would need a helpmate, a bride. (Be sure to understand this paragraph.)

Now let's stop for just a moment to consider this statement about the fact that Jesus Christ could not rule alone. That may cause some raised eyebrows. So, let's consider a few things here.

We have already seen that Jesus Christ was made for a little while lower than the angels. Yes, Jesus *Christ was made lower than* some created beings. How could this be? He is God, isn't He? Yes, He is God! But, pertaining to rulership over the earth, the very subject matter of the Book of Hebrews, He was made for a little while lower than the present rulers. The angels presently rule directly over Christ's inheritance. Christ hasn't yet received His inheritance, and therefore is not directly ruling over the earth. Being seated at the right hand of the Father, He is waiting, but just for a little while (Heb. 1:13; 10:13).

Jesus Christ is to have companions who will be anointed with Him .

Jesus Christ is to have servants who must be found faithful.

Jesus Christ is to have co-heirs who will receive His inheritance with Him.

Jesus Christ is to have a bride, *who will complete Him*.

Did you get that? Jesus Christ is to have a bride, even a help-mate, if you will. As God did with Adam, God the Father will remove from the body of Christ a portion of His very own body, and will fashion that portion into the bride and will present her to His Son as His bride. Then the two will be heirs together. As it is in the type (Adam), so it is in the antitype (Jesus Christ).

This idea of a help-mate being needed for Christ to rule is seen in the type of Adam. The idea of the bride coming from the body of Christ is seen in the type of Adam. The idea of the bride being found in a fallen state is seen in the type of Adam. The idea of Jesus Christ coming to the rescue of the bride is seen in the type of Adam.

As it is in the type, so it is in the antitype.

Ephesians 5:25 ...just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; 26 that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

Not only are there conditions to being the Bride of Christ, we have seen the other metaphors requiring conditions as well (see Day Four). What you should have learned in Day Four's study is that *without suffering, there will be no glory* (cf. 1 Pe. 4:13).

And this takes us right back to Hebrews.

Hebrews 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect (*lit.*, complete) the author of their salvation through sufferings.

The metaphor of sons is used in the same way as all the other metaphors are used. These metaphors — the sons, companions, faithful servants, overcomers, and the bride — are all used to show the same thing...it will be those Christians *who have not neglected* what they have heard about this *so great salvation* (the inheritance) who will participate in the rulership over the earth. See how the Book of Hebrews puts it altogether? And the degree to which they are willing to suffer will be the degree to which they will be glorified.

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Hebrews 2:10 says that Jesus Christ will *bring many sons to glory*, so that He (Jesus Christ) will be made complete, as Adam was made complete by his wife. It was not good that the man was alone. But the sons, who complete Jesus Christ *with regards to rulership over the earth*, will be brought to glory only through suffering. The sons must be willing to suffer just as Jesus Christ was willing to suffer. Then, and only then, can Jesus Christ bring many sons to glory.

Why? Why must the sons be willing to suffer? Because suffering is the only route to glory.

1 Peter 4:13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.

Now, with all of this in mind go back and read Hebrews 2:9-18. Read it prayerfully with meaning and understanding.

We'll deal with the remainder of chapter two in the lecture.

Really, it all falls into place now, doesn't it?

Next week's study is an intense one. Be sure to plan ahead, giving yourself plenty of time for study.

If you are doing commentary work, here is your assignment according to which book you are reading:

Arlen Chitwood's book So Great Salvation, read chapter four, *The World to Come*.

Philip Mauro's book God's Pilgrim, read chapter three, *The Son: His Person, His Power, His Kingdom*.