

Letter to the Hebrews

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Pre-eminent in His Humanity

Hebrews 2:10-18

Jesus Shares Our Humanity as Our Brother

God is the source of all things including His perfect plan of salvation; He will bring us to Heaven. (vs.10a)

Jesus identifies Himself with His saved people by taking upon Himself our likeness. We are brothers by virtue of the fact that we both have the same source and share a common descent from Adam. (vs.11-13)

Jesus Suffers for Us as The Pioneer

All are under the fearful power and sentence of death because of sin. Jesus was the first one to victoriously enter Satan's domain of death and by His death and resurrection freed us from this fear and power over us. (vs.10b, 14, 15)

Jesus Sustains Us as Our High Priest

He sanctifies us: (vs.11a)

He is the active agent and we are the passive recipients of this continuous work of making us holy.

He helps us: (vs.16)

He takes hold of our hand and leads us in the path that is of most benefit to us.

He represents us before God: (vs.17)

As our High Priest in Heaven, He continuously satisfies God in regard to our daily sin.

He empathizes with us: (vs.18)

He suffered, sorrowed and was tempted like us so that He can fully come to our aid in these difficult circumstances.

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Application

It is difficult at times to relate to the sovereign God of eternity; however, we can more readily relate to Jesus in his humanity. He took upon himself our humanity and he entered the realm of death and defeated Satan and set us free. He experienced all of the same things we experience although he was apart from sin. He suffered, he sorrowed, he loved, and he was tempted. So he understands us and can come along side us to help us.

Do you ever despair of your failures and the sin in your life? Maybe you think – I am just a failure as a Christian! Know and believe that Jesus is now, continuously, actively, making you holy before the Father in Heaven. He makes you acceptable before God on the basis of his cross-work. Don't despair – take hope – hope in Him!

Do you ever suffer to the point of almost giving up? Remember that your suffering pales in comparison to his earthly suffering and that he came through his suffering victoriously. He takes you by the hand to bring you through as your friend and brother. So take hope. Look to him.

When you are tempted to give up – maybe to think that it's not all worthwhile - remember that Jesus was tempted in every way in which you are tempted - and his temptation was much greater than yours - and yet he resisted. So don't give in. Look to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.

Know that the risen Lord Jesus Christ, in all His fullness, is at this very moment, in Heaven, in the presence of God, continuously and actively, representing you before God.