

Hebrews 2:5-13 But We See Jesus

What do O.J. Simpson, Howard Hughes, King Solomon and Adam – all have in common?

A) They **all had huge falls** – that affected their lives and the lives of others.

B) **Take O.J. THE JUICE** -he was a sports Icon – movie star – popular Hertz commercials

1) All American story of the boy who grew up having to wear leg braces – who became Hall fame Running back

C) Now he is known in most circles as the guy **who got away with murder.**

1) His life was forever changed along with the two families he destroyed.

What about Howard Hughes- One of the richest men in history.

A) He was dubbed one of the ten most successful businessmen in American history.

B) An inventor, a playboy – American Icon

1) Although one of the world's richest men, died from dehydration, malnutrition and neglect.

C) He became a germophobic – and sort of a freak isolating himself from everyone. Died alone.

Or what about King Solomon!

A) King Solomon maybe the wealthiest man who has ever lived.

B) He took Israel to it's **Zenith in Power and popularity.**

1) Under his reign – Israel expanded her borders and influence further than anytime before or since.

C) His kingdom was the talk of the world at the time
1) Kings from all over the world came to visit bearing gifts.

But Solomon gave into his insatiable fleshly lust!

A) Became an idolator – His kingdom would end up divided.

B) His reputation and influence marred.

C) The nation has never recovered!

Three men who did great things/ Who fell leaving a wave, or heartache, turmoil, & damage in it's wake

A) But the greatest of those men and the greatest fall happened with ADAM!

B) Adam was **the perfect man – literally** – living in the perfect environment.

1) A man of great privilege – He was first –

2) Great position: Take care of God's world

C)But Adam had the greatest fall! – ATE – Cursed Relationship with God Changed

1) He lost the most and his fall caused the greatest impact.

D)All of humanity was affected by his fall - Cursed

1)And the impact of his fall is still being seen and felt to this very day!

And that is what the writer of Hebrews reminds us of here in Ch. 2 The fall of Adam and it's affect upon MANKIND!

A)But thankfully that is not where he leaves us – he doesn't leave us to figure out the fall

B)No He shows us that **hope, healing and answers** for mankind are found in ANOTHER MAN!

1)A man who didn't Fall –

C)A man who **can and will** restore man to his lost glory THAT MAN IS JESUS!

D)The Doctrine of Imputation or original sin as well as the doctrine of Substitution are presented in this passage.

Lets begin with a quick review: Hebrews is written to Jewish believers forsaking Christ – going back into Judaism

A)The writer of Hebrews is writing to show them – All the important pp & aspects of Judaism – were pictures and shadows of the real thing – JESUS.

B)Focus of the letter is **to present the supremacy** of Jesus over all the important aspects of Judaism

1)Starts in Ch. 1 – Jesus' Superiority over the Angels
Broke that down a few weeks ago

C)Also noted that - **Pattern of the book** is to give a teaching followed by a warning.

D)So the teaching in Chapter 1 was followed by this warning in ch.2:1-4 – Understand how great a salvation Jesus secured for us –

1)And DON'T NEGLECT IT! - **DRIFT!!!!!!!!!!!!**

As we come to v.5 of ch. 2 tonite/ today – the writer brings what he has been saying about the superiority of Jesus over the Angels & Applies it to our lives

5 For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.

A)The world to come of which we speak takes us back to chapter 1 v. 10-12

You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed./ Something new is coming

B)This earth is going to perish – There is a world coming/ **a kingdom coming** – different from this one.

C)And Angels are not going to rule over it.

1)Because in ch.1 v.14 he tells us the main function of the Angels - **14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?**

D)They are sent to aid those who have **an inheritance** in this new Kingdom – this new world.

So the world to come is not put into subjection of Angels- It is put into the hands of man – just like the first world was.

A)V.6-8a He tells us of Man's original DESTINY

B) 6 But one testified in a certain place, saying:

The passage is a quotation from Psalm 8 – David is out in the field with the sheep – taking in the stars

He starts to think about man's place in the Universe

"What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?"

A)Mindful = to remember in a caring way!

B)Mindful of us – Not # - Hairs / Name

7 You have made him a little lower than the angels; Although man is God's highest creation made in the image of God – man was made a little lower than the angels in this sense.

Man was limited to space and time whereas the Angels dwell in that dimension of Eternity – **they are able to move back and forth between 2 dimensions**

You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.

8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet."

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him.

Man was crowned with the glory and honor of being made in the image of God.

A)And by the fact that God gave man dominion over the created world. , **He left nothing that is not put under him.**

B)Plus Adam was given the privilege of naming the animals and tending the earth.

C) That was man at his highest State – Perfect – living in this perfect place.

1) Enjoying relationship with God!

V.8 But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

V.8 But at present we do not yet see all things subjected to [man]. AMP

Why? What happened – Adam Sinned!

A) Adam ate of the forbidden fruit – and sent the world into a tale spin.

B) Doctrine of original Sin – One man's sin infected all of us!

C) **So we don't see a world in subjection to man –**

1) His crown has been rolled in the dust, his honor has been tarnished and stained!

Creation fights with Man now!

A) If trees nourish him, it is after strenuous care, and they often disappoint.

B) If the earth supplies him with food, it is in response to exhausting toil

1) WEEDS come from – Aaron **Stupid Adam**

C) If Animals serve MAN it is because they've been tamed and trained MUCH EFFORT

Man's relationship to creation is not what it used to be!

A) Man is not what He used to be either – we don't see man in that perfect state anymore.

B) **We see humanity running amuck! We see fallen man.**

1) We see A world plagued by wars / strife/ crimes/ despair/ addictions/ pain and death!

Bb) **All the result of the Fall** – Man infected with the deadly contagious disease called sin.

1) We are born sinners

C) Babies are selfish / Little kids Lie Amanda– why?

1) It is inbred - Part of our DNA

D) **We sin because we are sinners** – The fact that we sin – just reveals we are a part of ADAM!

So we don't see all things put under man? – We see the opposite- We see Chaos and disorder – pain.

A) Things are MESSED UP on every front – Right?

B) Man is Damned and Doomed – Destined to suffer the consequences of Sin.

C) But I am so thankful He doesn't leave us there!

1) If that was all there was- **GET WASTED!**

D) NO HOPE –WHAT IS THE USE?

But PTL it doesn't end there – for He continues - 9
But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, He became a man / For this purpose

for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

The first Adam blew it, and all of us followed in his footsteps.

A)Then came the Last Adam—Jesus.

B Jesus came to restore – the glory and honor that was lost!

C)If you want to see how the earth was supposed to be, look at Jesus and you'll see Man living in harmony with the Father, exercising authority over nature.

D)But the real reason why Jesus became a man was not to show us how far we had fallen / MESSED UP!

1)He came to redeem – by tasting death for everyone

Taste = to fully partake / not a nibble / Me with peas Kids – faces!

A)He devoured it – the full brunt of it!

B)He Tasted of the Brutality of death – Crucifixion worst way to die /

1)His crown of Honor became a CROWN OF THORNS

C) He Tasted of the Bitterness of death – Separation

1)My God Forsaken me.

D) Who was it for ? EVERYONE!

1)His death on the cross was broad in scope – He paid the price for the sins of humanity

E)But it is limited in application – to only those who believe.

1)Jesus paid the price for pp – who will refuse His love, His grace and His sacrifice.

So Man was “crowned... with glory and honor” but he lost his crown and became the slave of sin.

A)Jesus Christ has regained that “glory and honor” and believers today are a part of his Kingdom.

B)One day, when He establishes His kingdom on earth, we shall reign with Him in glory and honor.

1)Jesus Christ did all of this for us—for lost sinners—according to “the grace of God”

God responded to the mess than man had made with Grace- Undeserved Favor.

V.10 *For it was fitting for Him,* (God the Father) *for whom are all things, and through whom are all things,* , in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

A)Fitting is interesting = **it was consistent w/ His Whole Being / Fit Him**

THAT LOOK IS SO YOU – FITS

B)It was consistent with His character: **His wisdom and Holiness** – to come up with a plan where by Justice could be served

1)But at the same time Sinful man could still be saved. Brought to Glory!

C)It was fitting **within the scope of His love and His grace** to do for man what – man could not do for himself.

D)It was fitting for God to bestow on man **Undeserved favor** –

1)Bless man offer salvation to men who do not deserve it.

He is the captain of our Salvation!

A)Captain also translated – Pioneer! A pioneer is one who blazes the trail. – One who does the hard work.

B)Pioneers who came out west – settled the land – fought the battles

1)Those who came after them – just enjoyed the benefits

C)**Jackie Robinson** – Blazed the trail for African Americans to play MLB

1)Every African American player – today is a recipient of the pain and ridicule Jackie endured.

Jesus blazed the trail for Salvation – He established the town – broke thru the barriers

A)We get to come and just enjoy the blessings of what He established.

B)What does it mean that Jesus was **made perfect through his suffering?** – Wasn't he already Perfect?

1)He was without sin – so what does this mean!

C)**Not Perfect Morally – but MINISTERALLY!**

1)Perfect Minister -/ High Priest – He walked in our shoes – faced our struggles.

D)**This will be a major focal point –throughout the rest of the book!**

A cartoon in the newspaper depicted former President Clinton bidding farewell to U.S. troops leaving for the middle east **“Don't do anything I wouldn't do,”**

The next frame is of one soldier saying, **“We already are.”**

Our Lord doesn't simply say, "Good luck down there. Don't do anything I wouldn't do."

A)No, He says, "I've marched down the same road you're marching.

B)I've fought the same battle you're now fighting."

1)That's what it means to be made perfect through suffering. Jesus was always perfect, but the fact that He suffered like us makes Him the perfect captain for us.

C)Notice what He says next – glorious

11 For both He who sanctifies {sets apart changes} and those who are being sanctified{Being set apart changed and made holy} are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying:

"I will declare Your name to My brethren;

In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

13 And again: "I will put My trust in Him."

And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."

This is beautiful – Jesus our captain –who paved the way for us – doesn't just save us – leave us.

A)Doesn't withdraw himself from us –like some superior officer in the military –

B)Not going to Fraternize with the grunts

C)He is not ashamed to identify himself with us – SAY those are my bros/ sisters/ My kids!

1)JESUS IS NOT EMBARRASSED BY YOU!

Growing up I had some friends who I played ball with – Athletes – brothers into drama.

A)Hey isn't that your brother ? Yes!!!!!!

B)Parents of a kid who is acting up – Whose kid is that – not mine!

C)**Word to dads – Enter your kids world**

1)So proud of my Son! –

Now think about the placement of this statement!

A)Who is Jesus not ashamed to be connected to? Not embarrassed to be linked with?

B)Those who are being sanctified

1) Justification – Miracle of the moment
Sanctification processlifetime

C)That means we are not finished yet – we are a work in progress – still flawed –

Many of us are still trying to figure out how the whole Surrender to Jesus thing works.

A)Sometimes we can come across like the younger brother who is really trying to be cool.

B) We just make a fool of ourselves – trying to appear spiritual – say – stupid things

C) Jesus looks at us – says THAT IS MY BRO!

1) Angel Gabriel – Who is that – who does He think he is –

D) Jesus says: He is with Me ! – He is great – He is growing!

I was convicted by this today: Tears – Because there are some in this body – struggle up/down

A) Pictures of inconsistency – others just weird

B) Doesn't so and so go to your Church? – Uh

C) Jesus is not embarrassed by us – ashamed of us

1) We meet – He joins right in! Praising the Father for us! - WOW!

Wrap this up with some application

A) So when the world around us is falling apart – when the world is in Chaos

B) What do we need to do? - More than seeing what Glen Beck has to say – Or Rush – or CNN

We need to see Jesus!

A) Keep your eyes on Him in this fallen world.

B) Remember we know how the story ends!

C) We need to see ourselves from His perspective!

1) Jesus sanctifying me – rejoices over me

D) Some of us can be so hard on ourselves

1) Karen –

We need to see Jesus in each other!

A) Wife let your husband know how He reminds you of Jesus. Traits – grace Provider strength. –

B) We all have our flaws - But Jesus is working on us

1) Dad – Flaws – most gracious/ serving / others centered person I have ever met.

D) Parents with kids – Encourage them.

1) I see Jesus in you this way – Servant

Witnessing tool! – See Jesus in people around us.

A) Blow a co-workers mind 2morrow – Hey what you just did reminded me of greatest human being ever – JC

B) Jesus stood up for the under dog – You were doing today - blessed me.

C) Home work- Affirmation: I see Jesus in you in this way

D) Communion: