

# THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

- Purpose
  - 13:22
  - Exhortation: “a calling to one’s side”; an appeal, entreaty, encouragement, consolation and comfort; an urging to pursue a certain course of conduct; can include warnings
- This letter was written to urge Hebrew brethren in Christ to persevere *in Christ* and to not fall back into Judaism
- In order to do that, warnings and encouragement are given interspersed with argumentation to show why – to demonstrate the superiority of Christ

# HEBREWS: “BETTER”

1. The Better Messenger: The Son
2. The Better Apostle
3. The Better High Priest
4. The Better Covenant
5. The Better Sacrifice in the Better Tabernacle
6. The Better Way: Faith

1. To whom has this age been put into subjection?

The Son, Jesus Christ

2. Who was made for a little while lower than the angels?

The Son of God

When?

When He took on human flesh like us

## **2:9 JESUS WAS MADE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS FOR US**

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.”

## 2:10-18 THE NECESSITY OF JESUS BECOMING HUMAN

“For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

{11} For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified 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.’”

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{14} “Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

{15} and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

{16} For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.”

## **2:10-18 THE NECESSITY OF JESUS BECOMING HUMAN**

{17} “Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

{18} For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.”

## Some Take-Aways

- The plan of God for our salvation was not according to human wisdom
  - Then where does that put our own reason in relation to God's revelation?
- Suffering was the way to glory for Jesus Christ
  - We are taught that suffering is the way to glory
- Only ONE way to be delivered from the bondage of the fear of death
  - Through obedience to the gospel of Christ which gives us the benefit of the death of Christ