

## Christmas Meditation

*Hebrews 1-2*

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*"Seeing Him who was Made Lower than Angels" – pt. 2*

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Part One: the superiority of the Son over the angels (Heb. 1:1-2:4)

Part Two: the solidarity of the Son with man, not angels (Heb. 2:5-18)

<sup>5</sup> For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> But one has testified somewhere, saying,

"WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM?

OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?"

<sup>7</sup> "YOU HAVE MADE HIM A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS;

YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR,

AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

<sup>8</sup> YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him. <sup>9</sup> But we do see Him who was made a little lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

(Hebrews 2:5-9)

### Solidarity of the Son

#### 1. Man's Destiny Displayed

- in keeping with God's creation design, man will rule "the world to come"
- man's rule will include angelic beings

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#### 2. Man's Destiny Obscured

- as a result of the Fall, creation is not presently subject to man
- presently man is subject to corruption and death

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### 3. Man's Destiny Restored

- ❖ *Jesus came to secure man's original destiny by becoming our representative, a second Adam (He fulfills Psalm 8 for us)*

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### 3. Man's Destiny Restored

#### a) Jesus' humiliation

- Jesus, the eternal Son, took to Himself a human nature
- Jesus lived in the weakness and limitations of His human nature ("lower than angels")

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#### b) Jesus' representation

- the purpose of His incarnation was His representative death
- through His death Jesus delivers us from the power and fear of death

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### 3. Man's Destiny Restored

#### c) Jesus' exaltation

- on the basis of His suffering Jesus is given dominion over all things as the exalted Son of Man
- we will reign with Jesus, our "forerunner", over the new creation

"For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted."

(Hebrews 2:18)