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## THE CROWN PRINCE OF OUR SALVATION

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS  
NUMBER 7  
HEBREWS 2:9-10

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HEBREWS 2:9-10 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

HEBREWS 2:9 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." This word "But" is from "de" which is an explanatory conjunction and it means the statement just coming up is going to give clarification and additional information to the last statement which was "But we do not yet see all things put under his feet."

The word for see is a present, active, indicative of "blepo" and it means a glance of the eye which hits something important--We see Jesus and only Jesus. In other words, we keep on seeing Jesus and only Jesus. We keep on glancing at something important. We saw the word "horao" used for "see" in the last verse and this word is also used when the writer is referring to the eyes of the soul. But this word "blepo" is used of the mature Christian who has developed an edification complex and he begins to see the things that are of real importance.

The emphasis is this--Don't ever look at Jesus lightly--but always look with earnestness and spiritual concentration. It is the humanity of Jesus that is being emphasized at this point. It means occupation with the person of Christ. Many people never really do see Jesus as he really is.

Have you really seen Jesus as he is?

One of the things that has happened is that the centuries have stacked so much ritual, so much tradition, so much ceremony around Jesus that we have somehow missed seeing the real Jesus. We need to strip from around Jesus all that the centuries have piled around him, all that ceremonial religion has put around him, all that the so-called established church has attributed to him, and we need to see Jesus as he is. In other words, don't be satisfied until you are sure that you see the real Jesus, the Jesus of the Word of God.

Then this verse says "Who was made" and this is a perfect, passive, participle of "elatto" and it means to come into existence as an inferior being. It really means "having been made to be inferior." Now many great things came out of this "having been made."

The first Adam will fumble the ball and the second Adam will pick up the ball and run for the touchdown. Jesus had to become inferior to angels and become a man so he could bring salvation to the human race and so he could resolve the angelic Conflict. Man, who is really low and inferior, is going to be lifted to be higher than angels by Christ becoming inferior. The Crown-Prince will supercede Satan and all angels and will rule for all eternity. Satan is ruling today under the permissive will of God, but a man named Jesus is going to rule forever

It says "than angels" and the greek is "para aggelos" and it is a preposition of comparison and it means when Jesus came down here as a man, he was temporarily lower when compared to angels. Now you have to add the word "brachus" which means a "brief time." Jesus was inferior to angels only for a brief time. To be specific, that time was from Virgin Birth to the Resurrection. The moment he arose he was superior to angels and when he ascended and sat down at the right hand side of God, he was forever to be superior to angels. The "suffering of death" comes from "dia pathema thanatos" and it means by way of the death on the cross and it is referring specifically to the spiritual death of Christ. It literally means "because he suffered the death" and this is a kind of death that no one else ever suffered. This is a genitive of description and it describes this unique death.

(This refers to those last three hours on the cross when he who knew no sin became sin for us and died.)

The next word is "Crowned" and this comes from a perfect, passive, participle of "stephanoo." The perfect tense means that once the crown is placed on his head it will be there forever. (Look at this in Revelation 14:14) Passive voice means that he received this crown from God because of his death on that cross. The participle means that this is God's plan and that Christ has forever fulfilled God's requirements for salvation. So this "having been crowned once and for all." Then we have two words descriptive of this crown--with "doxa" and with "time." Both of these are datives of possession. These are characteristics that are for deity only, but here they are given to a man and not to angels, and he entered heaven with these two honors and he entered unscathed. These are characteristics that only God possesses, but they are given to Christ and to Christ only.

So thus far in this verse we have this great truth--

"But having been made inferior to angels for a brief time (from virgin birth to his resurrection) because of his suffering of that unique death (spiritual death those last three hours on the cross) we see Jesus and only Jesus having been crowned with glory and honor."

#### Look At This Glorious Picture

See Jesus Christ, as a man, receiving glory and honor that really belongs only to God, and he received this honor and glory in his resurrection body and he burst right through three heavens, and no angel was able to stop him, and he sat down on the right hand side of God-- AND HE DID THIS AS A MAN. The Devil really went on a binge when he defeated Adam and Eve in the Garden but it really sobered him up good and quick when he heard of Genesis 3:15. The woman ate to be smart and really found out how dumb she really was. And Adam fell just as she did, except he understood the significance of his disobedience. They both went into operation fig leaves and the Devil was really thrilled. But the thing he didn't understand was that the Virgin Born Son of God will defeat Satan--the wages of sin is spiritual death. (That death which is to be spoken of down in verse 14 is not just an ordinary death, but it is "the death" which refers to spiritual death on the cross.) Jesus Christ never intended to take a spiritually dead kingdom from Adam. No indeed, he is going to rule those who are born again. So when Christ returns wearing that crown all unbelievers will be put off the earth and he will begin his Millennial reign with believers only.

So the first Adam blew it and Satan took over--but Christ was accepted and believed in by Adam and Eve and instantly God gave us Genesis 3:15. He had to go to a cross before he could wear that crown. He lived as impeccable humanity and did not succumb to temptations. He was superior in his human body to angels.

Now we have an adverb used as a conjunction "so as" by means of the grace, and the word for grace is "charis" and this grace is "from the God." That He (meaning Jesus) "might taste" and this is an aorist, active, subjunctive of "geuomai" and that subjunctive means that it was the purpose of God for him to taste this death for every man. The word is "huper" and it is a substitutionary word. It means he did it in our place, for us.

So this last part of this verse says,

"That by means of grace from the God, he should taste death as a substitute for all men."

Now we come to "The Bride And The Angelic Conflict".

We might call this "The completion of the last Adam."

"For" is from the little word "gar" and it is used to give a reason for something--

In other words, He was crowned because he is the groom and we are the bride. He is the high priest and we are a kingdom of priests. He is the Crown-Prince waiting to become the King.

"It became" is an imperfect, active, indicative of "prepei" and it is an impersonal verb and it connotes fitness. The imperfect tense means there never was a time when he couldn't handle it. The one who is doing the acting here is God the Father. It was fitting for "him" and the word is "autos" and this is a reflexive pronoun in the instrumental case. God is capable of handling his plan. He's got it well under control. He is there. He is on his throne. It was fitting for God the Father, then we have dia plus the accusative of "hos" and it means because of whom the all things.

Neither the negative volition of man or angels will stop the plan. Then it has dia plus the genitive and this means "through whom are the all things." The Father is both the cause of everything and the agent that brought everything into being. He used Jesus as the means of creation. John 1:3, Col. 1:16 and Hebrews 1:10

Then he also used Jesus as the means of salvation. Acts 4:17.

God kept in control by never becoming incarnate. GOD KEEPS CONTROL OF ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES. We might put in the expression of the day and say, "God never loses his cool." God has never lost track of anything. He has microfilmed everything, every thought, every desire and every act of every life of all time and he can call it to mind without any effort. "In bringing" is an aorist, active, participle of "ago" and it means "to lead." He is still the leader. No one has ever gotten out in front of God. (I have news for the Communists--God will always be in front of them and greater than they are.)

Next we have the words "Many sons" and Christ is the head.

(We pick this idea up in these passages--Ephesians 1:22-23, Eph. 2:16, Eph. 4:4-5, Col. 1:18 and 1:24 and Eph. 5:23)

Christ is the high priest and we are a kingdom of priests.  
Hebrews 7:25 and 10:10-14, 1 Peter 2 and 5:9 and Rev. 1:6.

Christ is the groom and we are the bride. The analogy of right man and right woman is used. 2 Cor. 11:2, Eph. 5:25-32, Rev. 19:6-8.

Then we read "Unto Glory" and this is "eis" plus the accusative of "doxza." It really means "in the direction of glory."

Next we have "To make perfect" and it is an aorist, active, infinitive of "teleioo." It really means to accomplish the objective. It means to cross the goal line and win the game. God is going to win the game and keep all the rules at all times.

Then we have the word "Captain." The word is "archegos" and it means the one right next to the King. He is the prince-leader of their salvation. Christ will always remain a man in his resurrected hypostatic union forever. He will supercede angels. Satan is the temporary ruler of this world now, but it is temporary. God still has his kingdom of divine establishment and he has not given one inch to the Devil so far as giving him final authority is concerned.

It says "bring many sons to glory" and that glory is the glory that is going to be ours for all eternity. It is our glory and it is his suffering.

The "Many sons" is really the objective of the Church Age. I don't think there is any greater sentence in all the Word of God expressing grace.

Let's get a correct translation of these verses--

"But having been made inferior to angels for a brief time, because of the suffering of death, we see Jesus, having been crowned once and for all with glory and honor that by means of grace from God he should taste death as a substitute for all.

For it was proper for him (God the Father) because of whom the all things and through him the all things, having led to glory many sons, to bring to the objective through suffering the prince-leader of their salvation."

There is not a greater passage in the Word of God concerning the exaltation of Jesus Christ in all the Bible. In our next study we will see how this Captain-Priest is going to wipe out the opposition.