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*So... this is one of those passages I've studied many times and I've learned a lot from it. But today was one of those ah ha moments. You may say "no duh" to what I'm about to say, but for me it just really had a huge impact. Jesus suffered for our sake... Yes... I get that. But even the fact that Jesus continues to let the world be broken right now is for our sake!!! He is giving time for all people to come to Him for salvation. It is His desire to call us His family!!! That's why He continues to allow there to be misunderstanding about His authority. It's His patient endurance. I pray that you and I will never mistake God's patience as a sign of weakness. He is still on the throne, ruling over all with His feet up. And you and I are safe and secure because of it. Amen!!!*

*Blessings,  
Jonna*

*Hebrews 2:5-18*

*Let me just remember why I'm here in this passage. The focus this week is on God's authority to cover sin. What an amazing use of power and authority!!! It is one thing to be in authority and use your power to help those in need. But Jesus took that to a whole new level. He used HIS power and authority to help those who rejected Him and hated Him... to save weak, ungodly, uninterested sinners. So, as Hebrews 2:1 says, I "must pay much closer attention to what I have heard, lest I drift away from it." Everything that happened before Jesus came... from angels, prophets, and the Holy Spirit... was to point to the hope of salvation and reconciliation to God through Jesus. That is an eternal authority! Him for me... Him in charge.*

*Vs. 5-8a ~ "For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, 'What is man, that You are mindful of Him, or the son of man, that you care for Him? You made Him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned Him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under His feet.'"*

*God did not give all authority to the angels, though they are so powerful that the Apostle John tried to bow and worship an angel twice in the Book of Revelation! John did that! He had been with Jesus! Even he saw that the appearance of the angels was superior to the appearance of*

*man. When men and women saw angels throughout scripture, they were terrified. But God is even more powerful and majestic.*

*And yet, Jesus emptied Himself of His glory, majesty, and beauty in order to come and save the world. Psalm 8 is quoted by the author of Hebrews... and attributed to Jesus. Jesus emptied Himself and came as a man, lower in appearance than the angels... but still God.*

*Because He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death on a cross, God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name! God the Father crowned His Son with glory and honor and put everything in subjection under His feet. I only have to look up other scripture to see what's said about Jesus and His authority and I find so many! Here are just a few...*

- *"And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." ~ Ephesians 1:22-23*
- *"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself." ~ Philippians 3:20-21*
- *Jesus "has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him." ~ 1 Peter 3:22*
- *"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.'" ~ Matthew 28:18*

*I could keep going. But the question is... Do I recognize the authority of Jesus? Do I bow to His authority? O Lord, may it be so!!!*

*Vs. 8b-9 ~ "Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him."*

*Here's the problem... I live in a broken world. If I look at the brokenness as my measure of God's power and authority, I will question it. This is why it's so important that I go to His word and see that "EVERY word of the Lord PROVES true" (Psalm 18:30, Proverbs 30:5). How many things have scientists contended to try to prove God wrong? And then at the right time, God reveals something that refutes their arguments. (Dead Sea Scrolls, the uncovering of a true Sodom and Gomorrah, the excavation of Nazareth, etc.)*

*What is the reason God has planned things this way? It is for my salvation!!!*

*Vs. 10-13 ~ "For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering." Even Jesus proved His sinlessness through suffering in this broken world. The plan was always that He would suffer and die for my sins... but the plan wasn't fulfilled until He actually did it.*

*God views suffering way differently than I do unless I have His help to see through eyes. I so easily view it as proof that God isn't powerful or that He doesn't care. But that's a lie from the pit of hell. It is through suffering that I learn endurance, that I grow in the likeness of Jesus, and that I am filled with hope because of His love poured into my heart (Romans 5:3-5). It is through suffering that God sanctifies and purifies me.*

*"For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, 'I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will sing your praise.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Behold, I and the children God has given Me.'"*

*Jesus, who IS sanctifying me through the working of the Holy Spirit, is not ashamed of me. On the contrary, He calls me His sister. He declares my name! As His sister, because of Him, I get to fulfill what was prophesied in Psalm 22:22... to praise Him in the midst of my other brothers and sisters in Christ. I can put my whole trust in Him, regardless of what I see in this world, because I am being presented before the Lord as a child of God!*

*I did nothing to deserve this! Jesus is allowing the brokenness of this world to continue for a time, not because He DOESN'T care for me, but because He DOES care for me.*

*Vs. 14-15 ~ "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham."*

*The whole reason Jesus came and suffered the worst suffering of all in this broken world was to break the power of death in me!!! Jesus disarmed the power of the devil whose sole purpose in my life is to destroy me. I WAS subject to eternal lifelong slavery in the domain of darkness. Jesus didn't come to save the angels. They didn't need it. He came to save me!*

*Vs. 17-18 ~ "Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted."*

*Therefore, because I was hopeless without Jesus, He had to be made like me in every respect... to have needs like sleep and food, to face suffering, to face temptation. All of this is because He is the MERCIFUL and FAITHFUL high priest in God's service who both offered the sacrifice and became the sacrifice for my sins. He became the replacement payment for my sins, offering His sacrificial blood on the altar of God's mercy... so that I could be saved.*

*And not only that, Hebrews 4:15 says He sympathizes with my weaknesses. And here it says that He suffered when He was tempted so that He could help me when I'm tempted. The longer someone rejects temptation, the more they suffer. Jesus suffered more than anyone.*

*He rejected all the ways Satan tried to get Him to collapse... even while hanging on the cross when people yelled, "He says He can save others! He can't even save Himself!"*

*Jesus chose to suffer the worst suffering so that my suffering would be temporary... and so that my suffering would never be wasted. He is not ashamed to call me His own. Instead, He HELPS me when I'm weak... which is always. I am always in need of His help. O Lord, please help me to pay much closer attention to all that Your perfect word tells me so that I will never drift away from You. My natural tendency is to drift... but when I pay attention, You make me strong and secure. Praise Your name.*