
Week 5 Sermon, September 10, 2023

Hebrews 2:5-9 – *Crowned with Glory and Honor*

Discussion Questions

1. Spend some time considering all that God in Christ has done on your behalf. What fruit comes from meditating on the riches you have in Christ? Reflect on Titus 3:3-5, 1 Peter 1:3-5, and Ephesians 2:1-10. What other passages come to mind regarding the “immeasurable riches” of God we have been given in Christ? How do these passages stir your holy affections for Christ?
2. In Hebrews 2:6-8a, the writer of Hebrews quotes Psalm 8:4-6. Turn to Psalm 8 in your Bibles and read the entire Psalm. Spend time joining the psalmist in praising God, “O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Continue to praise as you compare Psalm 8:6-7 with God’s original plan for mankind in Genesis 1:26-28. Based on the creation account, whom did God crown with glory honor, putting everything in subjection to them? Discuss why this is so hard for us to comprehend from our perspective today.
3. Look again at Psalm 8 and read verses 3 and 4. Have you ever questioned God in a similar fashion? In relationship to all of God’s created work in the universe, contemplate how insignificantly small we are. Then consider the fact that God is mindful of us and cares for us because He has created mankind in His image and as the crown of creation. What thoughts and emotions does this reality stir within you?
4. In Hebrews 2:8c we read, “At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.” What happened that led to the crown being forfeited? (*See Genesis 3*). How has Adam’s sin affected all of creation? Romans 8:22 tells us that “the whole creation groans together.” Give some examples of sin’s effects on creation.
5. Read Hebrews 2:9. Here we see the author pointing us to Jesus as One “who for a little while was made lower than the angels.” The writer then hones in on the significance of the incarnation of Christ, which is that it is Jesus who ultimately fulfills Psalm 8. By way of his suffering of death, having tasted it for everyone, Jesus is now the exalted One who is crowned with glory and honor. Read Philippians 2:6-10. What does this passage tell us about the importance of Christ’s humanity? Why was his incarnation necessary?
6. Hebrews 2:9 ends with the most glorious declaration, “. . . that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.” Spend time contemplating the grace of God by reflecting on Titus 2:11-14. How would you explain to someone that although by tasting death for everyone His death was *sufficient* to accomplish the salvation of everyone, it is nevertheless *efficient* for the elect? (*See John 6:37, 10:27-29.*) What passages would you use to support God’s eternal plan to save His elect?

In response to God’s wonderful grace poured out on you through Jesus, rejoice and join in singing
[*Amazing Grace*](#). (*Lyrics, next page*)

Amazing Grace

By John Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.
