

Title: *Christ Perfector*
~~God's Family~~ (Part **1B**)

Text; Hebrews 2:10-13

Will you take your Bibles and turn to Hebrews chapter 2. We will begin where we left off last Sunday Morning. Hebrews chapter 2 and verse 10. We are looking at the First major area of Hebrews. This area deals with the Authority of Jesus over Angels. Some people teach that Jesus is nothing more than an exalted angel. But the Bible teaches differently. The Bible teaches that Jesus is God. He is the supreme authority in the universe. And so this **F**irst area of Hebrews is simply demonstrating that Jesus is greater than ~~all~~ the created Angels.

(Read 2:10-13)

PRAYER

(4C) Now, we are looking at the ministry of Jesus Christ in our behalf. And in the area of His ministry, we are looking first of all **(2D)** at our POSITION IN GOD'S FAMILY. It is God's ultimate plan to make us a part of His family. It is his plan to bring many sons into glory. And as we learned last Sunday, our position in God's family is based upon a number of principles **(1E) First of all, it is based upon the reason of the Heavenly Family.** It is according to His purpose, his plan. He desires that we are part of His family. And he is working to bring many sons into glory.

(2F) Now, secondly, our position in God's family is based not only on the reason or the ultimate intention of the Heavenly Father, but it is also based on the redemption of Jesus Christ.

Notice, please, what chapter 2 verse 10 says in the last phrase: "to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings."

That is quite a statement. But what in the world does it mean? It was fitting to God who caused all things, and is working through all things, his main purpose is to bring many sons into glory, but also, it was fitting to perfect the author of their salvation *through sufferings*

Of course that is referring to Jesus. And I thought, "what a great title for Jesus. The author of our salvation." And the verse is saying that our relationship in the family of God was made perfect through suffering

Now, there is a point, here, about how God accomplished the plan by which we were placed into his family.

It says, here, that Jesus was made the "author"...The word "author" means "originator". It is sometimes translated ^{Forerunner} "~~leader~~". In fact that is the way it is translated in Hebrews 6:20. Christ was the "forerunner" ~~of~~ ~~leader~~ for us. He got there first. He is the originator. ~~God~~ is going to make Christ the originator of our salvation. And this was accomplished through the means of suffering.

You say, "I don't quite understand why Jesus needs to be made perfect... the word "perfect" here means "complete" ^{or} "final"..."I don't understand why Jesus needs to be made complete through suffering"?.....Why is that?..

The answer is found down in Vs 17....You see, there is a reason why Jesus was made by the Father, like you and me: Namely, subject to a lot of testings and sufferings. There is a reason.....WHY?.....

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

Now, that is really something to get a whole off....Jesus is our mediator between God and man. And He is merciful.....AREN'T YOU GLAD WE HAVE A MERCIFUL HIGH PRIEST?....WHAT IF JESUS WAS ONLY A RIGHTEOUS HIGH PRIEST?.. And he was operating in justice, only, in our behalf....DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE RESULT WOULD BE?.....We would all go to Hell....Justice demands a penalty....And the penalty of sin is death...Eternal separation from God.

But Jesus is merciful.....He is our merciful High Priest.....

~~What does mercy mean?~~ What does mercy mean?....God is holding back from you and me what we deserve. When you talk about who is ^{The mediator} going between us and God, it is one who is merciful. He is hold back from us the judgement we deserve.

Now, what makes him merciful?....Answer: He knows human life by personal experiece.

Have you ever thought you were going through something that Jesus didn't understand?.....Have you ever throught that?.....I have throught that....I know I shouldn't, but I have....That what I was going through I just couldn't believe Jesus had ever experienced. Yet, in the 4th chapter of Hebrews it says that ["]in all ^{points}, he was tested as we are, yet without sin." Do you believe that?

In every situation of life of man's testing, this has been proven. He knows it by personal experience. He can identify with you. That is why he understands and he interceeds for you. He is ^{High Priest.} merciful and he is faithful.

Isn't it great that he is faithful and He is not like us?..Unfaithful... We are always changing. But he knows what we are like. And he moved into the stream of human life as God in human flesh and he is always faithful. And he is not inconsistant. He has experienced all the testings. He has experienced your suffering. He knows what you are going through. He understands. WHICH IS THE BEAUTY OF THIS PRINCIPLE.... ^{That is Good News} ^{AREN't you glad you} ^{Came Today?}

God isn't someone "out there," who doesn't know what we are doing donw here. God became man...not only to show us what He is like, not only to die in our behalf, but also that he might know human life by personal experience. That is the blessing of those who are salved. But it happens to be a very difficult thing to those who are not. ^{level} Because that means at the judgement seat of God, the Great White Throne Judgement, no man can say to Jesus, "You don't know what I want through."..... ^{Do you see The point?}

~~You see,~~ Jesus knows what we go through. He knows human life by personal experience. Therefore, he can be a judge, also, who can identify with us. As well as being a high priest for the savdd. He knows what we go throggh.....

I don't think there is anything more comforting to me, then to know that Jesus has experienced what I have experienced. And that his life in me is just as powerful as he was here ...on...this...earth...

Jesus went through all that testing. And yet he never sinned. The Bible says his life is now in you..There is no reason why we can't live victoriously on the bases of Jesus living in us. His life in you. He knows what you have experienced. He has gone through it. He has already got the victory over it. And we, also, can ^{have this victor} to...Tremendous principle.

I am in the family ^{of God} because Jesus knows life by human experience. He has welcomed me into his family by his own work ^{The Work of Redemption} in my behalf.....

(3F).Now, third, our position in God's family is also based on our relationship to Adam . ~~Did you know that.~~ Our relationship to Adam...

You ask: How did Adam get into this?....Look carefully at Vs 11... "for both He who sanctifies"...meaning: the one who sets you apart.....

What is sanctify?.....When you become a believer you are immediately sanctified.....Immediately.....What does that mean?

It means that you are set apart from sin; ^{The consequence and results of} and you are set apart to be part of God's family to praise Him. And that happens immediately. And as a believer God will continually set you apart. That is: continually give you victory over sin as you grow and mature; and more continually worship and praise him. God is continually sanctifying...

Who is doing the sanctifying?.....Jesus is....in your life. Now, "the one who sanctifies ^{Jesus} and those who are sanctified".....That refers to us. ~~He is the one being set apart....~~"are all from one."....."for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren."

Now, I really want you to get awhole of this.....Tremendous... ^{It is a} ^{Principle}

^(2/20/17) Jesus and I are brethren or borthers.....We came out of the same person. Namely...Adam....God in his infinite plan became a man. And we both came out of Adam. I came out of Adam...So, did Jesus.....We are both out-off one....In other words, Believaers and Christ, both, share a gomon humanity. Both one... Tremendous

^{Finally}
 (4 F) This position in God's family is, also, based on the revelation of O.T. scripture. And there are three of them given to prove the point, ~~that~~
~~Of how our position in God's family makes Christ better than the angels,~~
~~Maybe you thought I had forgotten that. I haven't forgotten it. We are getting right back to it.~~

This passage proves that Jesus is better than the angels. Proving that some how I am in the family with him. He is better....HOW?.....
 Three O.T. scriptures.....Ready.....

(1G) Number one, in Vs 12 it says, "saying, I will proclaim thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation or church I will sing thy praise."

That comes from Psalms 22:22..... Would you turn there please. Psalms 22 verse 22.....The O.T. scriptures reveal that Christ is better than the angels in the matter of our coming into God's family through Jesus.
 Now, let me show you why?.... Psalms 22 verse 22....

By Reway This whole psalm, if you will notice Vs 1, is about Jesus the Messiah. Especial at the time of his death and suffering....

Look at Vs 1: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?...."

Where did Jesus say that?.....Anyone.....On the Cross....All of this is about his suffering.....~~Tr~~.....

Vs 18: "They divided my garments among them and for my clothing they cast lots.....That happened at the cross. The soldiers cast lots for his clothing. All, a fulfillment of prophecy,

Well, look at Vs 22" : "I will tell of thy name to my brethren; In the midst of the assemble or congregation I will praise thee."

Now, knowing what this chapter is about, you tell me, on what occasssion, then, is it talking about when Mt says "Jesus was praising the Father's name in the midst of an assembly of people?" WHAT WAS THE OCCASION?

Answer
~~ANYONE~~..... The cross.....right....

You must know the context in order to know what it is talking about. Jesus was glorifying the Father at the time of the cross....Even before that
~~He said "not my will, but thine be done."..... But As~~ he hung on that cross
 He said: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

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And at the time of the cross Christ was identifying with all of us.
Was an angel ^{Jesus} ~~ever~~ done that? Not one.....Not one....Christ is greater than
the angels because of the declaration he made at the time of the Cross.
When he identified himself with the ~~star~~ stream of humanity, bearing all of
their sins on himself. He praised the name of God the Father and even said
as he died: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. It is finished"
Complete subjection to ^{The Father} ~~God~~.....Why did he do all of that? Because he loved
us....And he became one with us.....And no angel ever did that. Psalms
22 proves that Christ is greater than the angels because He was willing to
identify himself ^{with} humanity in the midst of the cross. And prove that he came
into the world to die. To take on human flesh. To die in the flesh for us.
To experience what we experience.....~~From what principle~~....

(2G) Now, the second passage in Hebrews....Back to Hebrews 2....Vs 13....

"And again, I will put my trust in Him."

Are you ready for this?.....Jesus says, "I will put my trust in him."

Who is the "him"?.....Answer: The Father.....

That is quoted from Isaiah 8:17....Turn to Isaiah chapter 8 verse 17
Isaiah 8 verse 17.....Another tremendous point....Isaiah 8:17.....

This is the quote which is in the book of Hebrews. It simple says that
Christ proves that he was involved in bringing all of us into the family of
God. He proved it. Psalms 22 when he declared the Fathers name in the midst
of the Assemble at the time of the cross.....

And secondly, by this test when he said "I will put my trust in him."
Isa. 8:17 says: "And I will wait for the Lord who is hiding His face from
the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him."

Now, Isaiah is saying that...."I will wait" means "I will trust"...
translated in Hebrew 2:13....."I will trust in him"....Isaiah says "I will
wait for the Lord"

omit Who is talking? Isaiah is talking. I will wait for the Lord. But
he is picturing Jesus

So, What is the point of all of this?.....

Why did the writer of Hebrews take a statement by a man named Isaiah who said "I will trust in the Lord", why did he take that and apply that to the Messiah?.....WHY?.....Again proving ^{To us} you something that is not true of angels. And that is: both of us, Christ and the believer, have a common reliance upon the Father....A common dependence....Jesus proved in his life that he depended upon the Heavenly Father.

All of us, because we are sons of God, family, we must depend upon the Father. You ask: "Well, don't the angels depend upon him"....The angels do not experience personal trust in the Father. ~~Did you know that?....~~

Think of that.....Christ is not an angel. Whoever said He was.

Well, those two people who come by your door say that he is.....

But, he is not an angel. No way is he an Angel.....Why the Angels, the Bible says, desire to look into the things that we experience in salvation. They would give anything to have the relationship to God that we have. And you tell me that Christ is an angel....No way.....

(3G) The third line of proof at the end of Hebrews 2:13 says: "and again, behold, I and the children whom God has given me."

Now, this is quoted from Isaiah 8:18....Look at Isaiah 8:18....

"Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion."

The writer of Hebrews takes the passage referring to How Israel is a great testimony. "I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel" he now applies it to the Lord, Jesus Christ, in Hebrews 2:13 "behold, I and the children whom God has given me."

You know the way that God accomplished the family is by giving the children to Christ. Who in turn gives ^{From} to the Father....

Jesus said "All that the Father has given to me shall come to me. And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

How, does one have a direct, personal, relationship with God the Father?.....Answer: Jesus said: "He who has seen me has seen the Father."

"And all who come to the Father come through me".....John 14:6 says:
"I am the way"....The way to what?.....To the Father....."I am the truth"....
What the Father has to say to you....."I am the life"....The Father gives
life.....I am all....I am the expression of the Father.....

The Father and I are one...John 10:30.....You must come through me.
In fact, no man comes unto the Father except through me.....

~~There is no Angel who can make that claim.~~ ^{you see}.....He identified himself
completely with humanity. To know human life by personal experiences.
To demonstrated his subjection to the Father in his will. And also to be
the means by which all of these children that the Father wants to bring into
the family would come. They will come through his son, Jesus. And there
will be no other way. God decided that there would be no other way....

Now, you can go around saying that you are a member of this church
and I have been baptiz^{ed} four different times and four different ways. And
I deserve to be part of the Family.....Sorry.....It is through Jesus,
and Jesus alone. You must go through him. { You see, Jesus is the Father's
solution to why you can't be automatical in the family..Because you don't
automatical glorify the Father. You automatical glorify yourself. And
therefore you are a sinner. All have come short of the glory of God. We
are all sinners. God wants us to glory him.....

How will he do it?.....By doing something for you that you had nothing
to do with....He wants to save you by his grace. Grace wants to give you
something you don't deserve.....

What has God given to you and to me?.....He has given his only son.
Who substituted his life on the cross for you and for me. Paying for all
of our sin. All of our selfishness. All of our lack of glorifying God.
He paid for it. And now the Father says "You accept my son, then I will
accept you into my family." You come into the family through the son.
And at that moment you will be born....At that moment you will be married...
at that moment you will be adopted....you will be a member of God's family.

Why not come into God's family. It is open to all who would believe
in Jeuss.....Let us pray