**Hebrews Lesson 3 2:5-18**



**Hebrews 2:5-18 (NIV)**   
5  It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.   
6  But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?   
7  You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor   
8  and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.   
9  But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.   
10  In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.   
11  Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.   
12  He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises."   
13  And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."   
14  Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--   
15  and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.   
16  For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.   
17  For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.   
18  Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



**Commentary**

[2:5-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A5-9) An exposition of [Ps 8:4-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+8%3A4-6), which continues to show Christ's superiority over the angels—in him humanity's appointed role as ruler (under God) over God's other creatures (cf. [Ge 1:26](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+1%3A26),[28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+1%3A28) and notes) comes to ultimate fulfillment (see note on [Ps 8:4-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+8%3A4-6)).



[2:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A5) It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come. Christ, as bearer of the new revelation (see [1:2-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+1%3A2-3) and note), is superior to angels who had participated in bringing the revelation at Sinai (see [2:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A2) and note).

[2:6-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A6-8) Awed by the marvelous order and immensity of God's handiwork in the celestial universe, the psalmist marveled at the high dignity God had bestowed on puny mortals by entrusting them with dominion over the other creatures (see [Ge 1:26-28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+1%3A26-28) and notes).



[2:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A7) angels. The author here quotes his Greek version of the Psalter (book of Psalms), which renders the common Hebrew word for "God" or "gods" in this way in [Ps 8:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+8%3A5) (see NIV text note there) as it does the Hebrew for "sons of God" in [Job 1:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Job+1%3A6); [2:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Job+2%3A1) (see NIV text note there).

[2:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A8) everything. God's purpose from the beginning was that humanity should be sovereign in the creaturely realm, subject only to God. Due to sin, that purpose of God has not yet been fully realized. Indeed, humans are themselves "in slavery" ([v. 15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A15)).



[2:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A9) Jesus... now crowned with glory and honor. See [10:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+10%3A13) and note. [Ps 8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+8) is here applied to Jesus in particular. As forerunner of humanity's restored dominion over the earth, he was made lower than the angels for a while (see NIV text note on [v. 7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A7)) but is now crowned with glory and honor at God's right hand. By his perfect life, his death on the cross and his exaltation, he has made possible for redeemed humanity the ultimate fulfillment of [Ps 8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+8) in the future kingdom.



[2:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A10) many sons to glory. Those who believe in Christ are made God's children through his only Son (cf. [Jn 1:12-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+1%3A12-13); [Ro 8:14-23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+8%3A14-23) and notes on [8:14-15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+8%3A14-15),[17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+8%3A17),[23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+8%3A23); [Gal 3:26](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+3%3A26); [4:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+4%3A5) and note; [Eph 4:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+4%3A5); [5:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+5%3A1); [1Jn 3:1-2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+3%3A1-2)). author. The Greek word often expresses the idea of "originator, founder." It was also applied to a leader, ruler or prince. In the present context, it perhaps has the sense of "champion"—the one who came to the aid of those enslaved to "him who holds the power of death" ([v. 14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A14); cf. [v. 15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A15); [12:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+12%3A2) and note; [Ac 3:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+3%3A15); [5:31](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A31) ["Prince"]). make... perfect through suffering. It was through Christ's suffering that God fully qualified him as the one sent to carry out his redemptive mission, specifically the priestly aspects of that mission (see [v. 17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A17) and note; see also [5:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A9); [7:28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+7%3A28)).

[2:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A11) who makes men holy... who are made holy. Christ became a human being to identify himself with humans and, by his substitutionary sacrifice on the cross, to restore their lost holiness. holy. See [1Co 1:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+1%3A2) and note.

[2:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A12) I will declare your name to my brothers. A quotation from [Ps 22:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+22%3A22), a psalm describing the sufferings and relief of God's righteous servant (see introduction to [Ps 22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+22)). The key phrase is "my brothers," seen here as coming from the lips of the triumphant Messiah.



[2:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A13) I will put my trust in him. An expression of true dependence on God perfectly exemplified in Christ. In him humanity is seen as it was intended to be. Here am I, and the children God has given me. Also seen ultimately as an utterance of the incarnate Son. The Father's children are given to the Son to be his brothers and sisters (see [v. 11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A11); cf. [Mt 12:50](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+12%3A50)).

[2:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A14) him who holds the power of death. Satan wields the power of death only insofar as he induces people to sin and to come under sin's penalty, which is death (see [Ro 5:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+5%3A12); [6:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+6%3A23) and notes).



[2:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A15) free. See [1Co 15:54-57](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+15%3A54-57) and notes on [15:56-57](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+15%3A56-57); [Rev 1:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A18).

[2:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A16) Abraham's descendants. Christ came to redeem Abraham's descendants—those who have Abraham's faith (see [Ge 12:2-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+12%3A2-3); [Ro 4:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+4%3A11),[16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+4%3A16); [9:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+9%3A8); [Gal 3:29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+3%3A29) and notes).

[2:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A17) merciful and faithful high priest. See [v. 18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A18); [5:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A2). high priest. In Israel the head of the priestly order, the only one who could enter into the very presence of God in the Most Holy Place in the temple—to make atonement for the people of God (see [9:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+9%3A7) and note; [13:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+13%3A11); [Lev 16:1-34](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+16%3A1-34) and note). make atonement. See NIV text note. In order for Christ to turn aside the wrath of God against guilty sinners, he had to become one with them and die as a substitute for them (see notes on [Lev 16:20-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+16%3A20-22); [17:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+17%3A11); [Ro 3:25](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+3%3A25); [1Jn 2:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+2%3A2)).



[2:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A18) he was tempted. See note on [4:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A15).

**NIV Study Bible.**

**Open it**

1. What does it mean to be free?   
 **To not fear someone coming to harm you, I.E. Satan**

2. What is the most helpful act a brother or sister has ever done for you?   
 **Just to be there in time of need, no talking just there**  
  
**Explore it**

3. What does it mean to be free?   
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4. What is the most helpful act a brother or sister has ever done for you?   
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**Explore it**

5. What is the relationship between Jesus Christ and the rest of the universe? ([2:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A8))   
 **He has put all things in subjection under his feet, and nothing has been left that is not subject to Him**

6. What actions by Christ led to His current exalted position at the right hand of God? ([2:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A9))   
 **Sent to earth to be lower than the angles for a short time, he suffered death and was crowned with glory and honor that he might taste death for everyone.**

7. What is God’s ultimate goal for us? ([2:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A10))   
 **Brought many Sons to glory, he prefect (mature) the author of their salvation through suffering**

8. What is the relationship between Christ and those who experience the salvation He gives? ([2:11-12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A11-12))   
  **For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one *Father;* for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE."**

9. What effect did the death of Christ have on Satan and his power? ([2:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A14))   
 **By death he rendered Satan powerless over those who had been in slavery due to fear of death**

10. In what ways is Christ like us? ([2:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A14), [17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A17))   
 **Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,  Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

11. What makes Christ especially qualified to help Christians when they are being tempted? ([2:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A18))   
 **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.**  
  
**Get it**

12. What difference does it make that Christ "tasted death for everyone"?   
 **He knows our fears and can help us**

13. What is the significance of the fact that no trial or temptation can come upon you that Christ does not perfectly understand?   
 **Calms me know there is nothing that he cannot help with.**  
  
**Apply it**

14. Knowing that Christ understands your temptations, how can you respond differently today to the difficulties you face?   
 **Tell satan to go away**

15. What Christian friend(s) can you encourage today with the message that Christ is our sympathetic high priest? How?   
 **Just did!!**