

Hebrews 2:5-18 (ESV)

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?”

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

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. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one

source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

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“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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Randy began his introduction by telling the story of Henry Wanyoike, a long-distance runner who unexpectedly suffered a stroke that caused him to go blind. Through the work of an administrator at the school for the blind, the administrator got Henry running again and he broke several records for the marathon. Tethered to a guide, the biggest problem was that they had trouble getting him someone who could keep up running with him. Henry learned that it's not what you see with your eyes that's most important. It's what you see with your heart and mind. It's what you envision. Henry learned what we all must learn. Vision is more powerful than sight.

How would you have encouraged Henry to run again, if you were an administrator in that school?

Let's talk through Hebrews 2:5-10 and see how the author of Hebrews presents Jesus as the warrior King. Randy takes us back at Hebrews 1 to see how the Hebrew writer presents Jesus as Divine.

In Hebrews 1:2-14, find descriptions of Jesus that would indicate He is God. In Hebrews 2:6-18 use the right column put descriptions of Jesus as man.

Jesus as God. Hebrews 1:2-14	Jesus as fully human. Hebrews 2:6-18

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Randy made a point of the word in verse 10, ARCHELGOSs, a very rich word. The idea is representative combat. He gives the example of I Samuel 17 where David goes before Goliath with only a sling and slays the giant. David, without armor, without training, without true battle weapons and he slays the Goliath. Israel couldn't go up against Goliath--they needed that substitute and David was the substitute. Randy said of Jesus that, "He might TRAILBLAZE a path to heaven. Jesus has paved the way to heaven and His HOLY SPIRIT LIVES WITHIN US ALONG THE WAY."

If you viewed this life of following rather than cutting the path, how would that change your mindset?

Jesus, our Brother Priest

Randy goes on to talk about Jesus as our Brother Priest, making the connection that we are part of Jesus' family. Randy gives the excellent illustration of taking all the people in the Bible and put them together in a family photo. Think of the misfits, the rebellious, the out and out wrong, and insensitive people that God uses. If you had that picture, would you hang that photo on the wall or would you put it in the attic?

How does the Brother Priest image of Jesus help you get through life? Does the Brother Priest and Warrior King images give you hope? How does it do that and why do you think it might affect you that way?