

SONGS *of the* Messiah

JESUS CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

I. INTRODUCTION TO HEBREWS

- A. Written to a fellowship of believers facing persecution**
- B. Persecution would stop if they turned from Christianity back to Judaism.**
- C. The author's argument - Because Jesus Christ is the perfect fulfillment of all that the Old Testament predicted, to turn back would be to lose everything.**
- D. As a good 'pastor', the author of Hebrew's gives detailed explanation of the superiority of Jesus Christ to every Old Testament institution.**

II. PROBLEM OF INCARNATION

- A. Incarnation - the act of God becoming a man.**
- B. Question: Would it be right for God to do this?**
- C. Answer:**
 - 1. Chapter 1 - This is exactly what the Old Testament predicts.
 - 2. Chapter 2 - It was fitting in light of God's purpose, for Christ to become a man

III. PSALM 8 AND HEBREWS 2

- A. God has destined man to rule the earth.**

HEBREWS 2 : 4 - 8

4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

5 For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking. 6 But one has testified somewhere, saying,

"What is man, that You remember him?
Or the son of man, that You are concerned about him?

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

And have appointed him over the works of Your hands;

8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him.

But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

1. This was the original plan.
2. God did not change His plan at the fall. He worked to see that it was finished.

B. Although man still is crowned, he is not ruling in the present day.

1. The problem:
 - a. Sin
 - b. Sinfulness

C. In order to deal with the twofold problem, Jesus Christ became a man.

1. We do see Him who was made a little lower than angels,
2. Because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor
 - a. Possibly - Crowned because He died.
 - b. Possibly - Crowned in order to die
3. That He by the grace of God might taste death for every man
 - a. It is the plan of God in His grace.
 - b. 'Taste death' implies that He went through the full agony of physical and spiritual death.
 - d. For everyone -
 - (1) Not simply for mankind as a whole
 - (2) For each individual member of the group

D. The result will be that all those who experience salvation will -

1. Know God
2. Rule on earth

HEBREWS 2:9

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