

Hebrews 2:5-10

Thorns to Glory

Who is this ...

I. Sovereign Lord

A. Above the Angels

B. Over All Things

II. A Man?

A. Lower than Angels

B. Crowned Through Suffering

C. To Bring Others to Glory

III. In Control

A. Already Ruling

B. Not Yet Complete

... Jesus?

Children, Listen ...

1. What Psalm is in these verses?

2. In v. 10 who is the "He" who is the founder of salvation?

3. In v. 9 What does it mean to "taste" death?

4. Why did Jesus do that for people like us?

The Crucial "Little While"

It is one thing to consider the fact that mankind, created from the dust of the earth, a little lower than the angels, is gloriously made in the image of God. It is quite another to consider the fact that the glorious second person of the Trinity, for a time a little lower than the angels, took on that same earthly flesh as His creatures. It doesn't seem fitting. While it may not "fit" into our concept of the way things should go, it fits perfectly with God's plan of redemption for fallen man. By divine decree the Savior for sinner humans had to be both divine and human in order to secure new life for them. That is stunning enough in itself, but the fact that He does so through deep suffering and a horrific death is unfathomable. And yet, His suffering and victory is at the heart of true faith and the only hope we have that we too, to our amazement, are brought to glory as well. If you are in Christ, be assured that your Savior, after that time of humiliation ascended to glory where he reigns now. One day all things will be fully subjects to Him.

For more on Christ the Mediator see Westminster Confession of Faith VIII. You can find that on page 853 of the Trinity Hymnal.