But We See Jesus! Hebrews 2:5-9

Introduction:

- 1. Have You Every Looked For Something Specific, But Had A Hard Time Finding It?
 - **IE:** Years Ago I Looked For A Plastic Container For My Hydraulic Jack In Order To Keep It In My Car Without It Rolling Around But I Have Never Found One!
- 2. In The Time We Have Left This Morning, I Want You To Consider With Me The Value Of Man!
 - That Is What Hebrews 2:5-9 Is Explaining To Us!
 - After A Word Of Warning In The First 4 Verses Of Chapter 2:
 - To "Pay Attention" To The Voice Of God Through His Son!
 - The Writer Of Hebrews Teaches Us The True Value Of Man!
 - Read Hebrews 2:5-9!
- 3. Apart From Jesus, Man Has No Value!
 - Apart From Jesus, You Have No True & Lasting Value!
 - You May Find This Statement Hard To Believe!
 - IE: After All, You Look Around And See Valuable People Everywhere!
 - People With Valuable Talents!
 - Like The Ones Playing In The Super Bowl Tonight In Detroit (Seattle & Pittsburgh)!
 - But Will Their Valuable Talents Last?
 - People With Valuable Insight!
 - Geniuses & Inventors That Make Our Lives More Physically Pleasurable & Comfortable!
 - But Will Their Valuable Insight Last?
 - People With Valuable Possessions!
 - Million Dollar Homes, Like The One Bill Gates Owns 11,500 SqFt Valued At Over \$53 Million Dollars!
 - But Will His Valuable Possessions Last?
 - But When You See People With Value, You Are Not Seeing Them The Way God Sees Them!
 - "For the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart!" (1 Samuel 16:7)
 - You Are Looking On The "Outward Appearance"!
 - And You Are Impressed!
 - You Consider Them To Be Valuable!
 - But God Is Looking "On The Heart!"
 - And He Is Not Impressed!
 - He Does Not Consider Them To Be Valuable!
 - Because, Apart From Jesus, Man Has No Value!
- 4. I Want You To Look Around This Morning, And Try To Find Value In Man The Way God Sees Man!
 - I Believe You Will Find This Effort To Be Futile!

1. Look Around At What Man Is!

- Go Back To Genesis:
 - Genesis 1:26-27 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them!"
 - Genesis 2:7 "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul!"
 - Any Value That Man Has, God Gave!
 - Man Is Formed "Of The Dust Of The Ground!"
 - If God Did Not Make You In His Image;
 - If God Did Not Make You After His Likeness;
 - If God Did Not Give You The Breath Of Life;

- You Would Still Be A Lump Of Dust!
- You Would Have No Value!
- Now Return To Hebrews 2:5-8 "For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. 6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: 8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him!"
 - Again, We See That Any Value That Man Has, God Gave!
 - This Passage Quotes Psalm 8:4-6!
- Two Probing Questions:
- "What Is Man That Thou Art Mindful Of Him?"
 - "Mindful" To Even Remember & Turn To Someone In Grace & Mercy!
 - IE: Like Remembering Someone & Then Actually Doing Something For Them!
 - Why Does God Even Remember Me, Seeing That I Am Really So Insignificant & Undeserving?
 - This Goes Against What The Culture Of Today Keeps Trying To Tell You You Are Valuable God Does Need You You Are Significant & Deserve Better!
 - What Does The Bible Say?
 - You Are A Worm! (Job 25:6)
 - You Are A Drop In The Bucket! (Isaiah 40:15)
 - You Are A Speck Of Dust!
 - In Fact, You Are Less Than Nothing! (Isaiah 40:17)
 - Has This Question Ever Crossed Your Mind? What About:
- "Or The Son Of Man, That Thou Visitest Him?"
 - "Visitest" To Look After & Take Care Of!
 - IE: Like A Doctor Visiting A Patient & Taking Responsibility For The Treatment & Care!
 - Why Does God Even Look After Me, Seeing That I Am Really So Rebellious & Undeserving?
 - Has This Question Ever Crossed Your Mind?
 - Man Has No Value! You Have No Value!
- But, Any Value Man Has, God Gave!
 - Any Position You Have, God Gave!
 - He Placed You, A Lump Of Dust, "A Little Lower Than The Angels!"
 - It Is Nothing You Did Or Could Do!
 - Any Honor You Have, God Gave!
 - He Gave You, A Lump Of Dust, "Glory & Honor!"
 - It Is Nothing You Did Or Could Do!
 - Any Power You Have, God Gave!
 - He Gave You, A Lump Of Dust, "The Works Of [His] Hands!" Look At Verse 8a Too!
 - It Is Nothing You Did Or Could Do!
 - Any Value Man Has, God Gave!
- But If You Look For Value In Man Apart From God, You Will Not Find Any True & Lasting Value!
 - 2:8b "But now we see not yet all things put under him!"
 - Man's Value Is Incomplete!
 - Go Ahead, Look Around Try To Find Someone!
 - And When You Can't:

2. Look Up To Who The Son Of God Is!

- 2:9a "But We See Jesus!"
 - This Is The First Time The "Son Of God" Mentioned Previously In Hebrews Is Given A Name!
 - And What A Name His Name Is "Jesus!"
 - "That beautiful name, that beautiful name,

From sin has power to free us!

That beautiful name, that wonderful name,

That matchless name is Jesus!"

- "Jesus" Savior!
- When You Look Around To Find Value In Man & Find None!
 - Then, Look At Jesus The Savior And Look No Further!
 - All That Man Was Intended By God To Be, Jesus Fulfills!
 - 2:9b "Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour!"
- Any Value Man Has, God Gave!
 - Through His Son, The Savior, Jesus!
 - How?
- 2:9c "That he by the grace of God should taste death for every man!"
- "Taste" Here Does Not Mean A Sample, But The Whole Thing The Full Course Experience!
 - "Jesus Paid It ALL!"

Conclusion:

- 1. Apart From Jesus, You Have No True & Lasting Value!
 - Don't You Want Your Life To Have Value?
 - Most People Do!
 - Few People Want To Grow Up To Be A Homeless Person Diving In A Dumpster For Their Lunch?
 - You Need To Understand What Real Value Is!
- 2. How Do You Estimate Your Value Apart From Jesus?
 - Do You Think: "Well, I'm OK!"
 - Or Do You Ask:
 - "Who Am I That Thou Art Mindful Of Me?"
 - I Don't Deserve Your Gracious Remembrance!
 - Apart From You, Lord, I Have No Value!
 - "Who Am I That Thou Visitest Me?"
 - I Don't Deserve Your Loving Care!
 - Apart From You, Lord, I Have No Value!
- 3. How Do You Estimate The Value Of Jesus?
 - "But We See Jesus!"
 - You Can Look, But Will Never Find True & Lasting Value Until You "See Jesus!"
 - And Understand That Apart From Him, You Have No Value!
 - Where Does Your Value Come From?

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