

Hebrews 2.10

It Was Fitting For God

I. GOD IS DOING WHAT HE PLANNED.

"For" a connective like "therefore". God is giving us insight into the workings of His own purpose and will. His very design and plan are on display here!

II. IT BECAME HIM

Consider all that is implied in this statement - This was done because it "became Him (God) to do so – it is because of who He is

1. By Him are all things – consider the connection and implied responsibilities that are aligned with creation. Especially with the creation of life! It creates and conveys a very real binding between the one created and the one who creates. Thus, it was fitting that God would save those whom He had created for Glory – being who He is, He is motivated by His love for His own children.

2. For Him are all things – the entire working of all creation was intended to bring out the glory of God, His nature, His person, His heart, His love, His justice, holiness, all of His perfections on display in the world that was created out of the overflow of His own abundance... This truth is part of the very substance of all things, we find our deepest and truest meaning ONLY in our relationship to God. The fulfillment of our purpose lies in the expression of who we are in THAT sphere... who am I in relationship to God. There are no other questions that matter if that one is missing, and in the answer of that ONE central question of our lives, all other questions take on real and significant meaning.

III. BRING MANY SONS TO GLORY

This design of God was to bring many sons to glory

1. The nature of our salvation is so great that the old way would no longer do. He is not bringing us into a new Canaan, He is not giving us our best life now, or the world as our perfect

oyster. The focus of this work is not our pleasure HERE but our home there, AND the preparation of us FOR that home, so that when we get there we are truly HOME...

2. We, who were created for this end, have fallen short of it by sin
3. He overcame this by making us sons, adopting us into His family and conveying all of the rights and privileges thereof...

a. Predestined us to glory –

Eph 1.5

- b. BRINGING us to that glory. This is the focus of the writer here. He is dealing with the HOW of this being accomplished
4. There are many appointed unto glory, not just a few, not just Jews but every tribe, tongue and race. We often get sidetracked by the scripture that compares the many and the few,

the narrow road of life, and the broad path of destruction... but understand that the intent of God's design in salvation is that ALL He has appointed for life come to Him and He has appointed no small number! The very glory of God is on display here, and no mean group of castoffs would do – He has chosen to save, and He will save many sons to Glory

5. This work is accomplished by the design and intent of God - no one forcing Him

a. His love

b. His wisdom

c. His grace

d. His will and purpose giving His Son for us

e. The outworking of the eternal covenant of Grace between God and the Son –

Zech 6.12-13

Is 1.4-9

Is 42.1

Is 53.10-12

f. He thus sent the Son, and draws His elect to Him, enabling them to come to Him in faith.

John 6.44

Matt 11.25

g. Anyone who sees Him thus has been acted upon by the Father –

Matthew 16.17

h. He reconciled Himself to us by the Blood of Jesus, then reconciles us to Him

i. Imputing righteousness

ii. Not imputing trespasses –

2 Cor 5.18 – 21

iii. Forgiving all trespass for Christ's sake –

Eph 4.32

i. He Gives us His Spirit

i. quickening us by His Spirit,

Romans 8.11

ii. making us fit for the inheritance of saints in the light –

Col 1.2

iii. Saving us,

Titus 3.5-6

j. He adopts us –

John 1.11

i. Makes us heir and co-heirs with Christ –

Romans 8.14-17

ii. Allows us to cry abba –

Gal 4.6

k. He confirms us in faith, establishes us in obedience, preserves us from falling, and keeps us for the glory He has prepared for us –

2 Cor 1.21-22

Eph 3.20-21

1 Pet 1.5

John 17.11

l. In all of this, we are made to believe in Christ and so to believe in God!

1 Peter 1.21

Christ did not pray for the love of the Father to be given to us, but that we would know and live in the love that is ours already! –

John 16.23-27

The basis of God hearing us directly is found in the completion of this great work, and it is because the Father has LOVED us... there is no explanation which makes this understandable, and no reason in us that does not diminish the greatness of this undeserved and unconditional love... but the fact remains, GOD LOVES US!!! I cannot explain it, but we must believe it, for the power of Christ's death is designed to reconcile us to the God who is the reason for all of this!

A faith that clings to Christ and shrinks in terror from God has missed its final intent. John Owen points out that "Jesus Christ, considered as mediator, is the next, but not the ultimate object of our faith and hope. We so believe in him as by him to believe in God, that is, the Father, whose love is the supreme fountain and spring of our salvation".

Here then is the end of it all for today, God has done all that He has done to show us this

One Great Thing –

*That He has loved us with an everlasting love,
and has done all that is needful to make us His
own sons and daughters.*

Do not for one second degrade that by denying it, by adding someone else to force Him, by thinking that you somehow deserve it, or by believing that this awesome and wonderous love is less than it is... instead, set yourself to understand it more and more and fall on your face in worship of the God who has done all this so that you might know Him and the Christ He has sent, for THIS KNOWLEDGE of God IS all that everlasting life is made of and for!