

## Hebrews 2:6-9

### Not How Things Should Be

This passage contains a tension between man and Christ as the focus of the quote. We see the ultimate target of Christ, and surely, He is the first focus as we addressed last week. But there is a subtheme that is worth considering. We will find it helpful to reflect on the secondary aspect of this declaration, to consider its impact and implications in our lives. For it does touch almost all aspects of our world, frequently. We look around us and we just KNOW that this is NOT how things are supposed to be! We just KNOW that there must be something else, something MORE...

#### I. **MAN WAS CREATED AND COMMANDED TO RULE GOD'S CREATION**

### Genesis 2:15 – 24

The first Adam failed, his posterity unable to fulfill any of our creation mandate successfully.

- A. As stewards over His works
- B. To complete that which is given
- C. To serve those entrusted to us
- D. To worship in all that we do and to lead others to that same sense and act of worship

## **II. WE DO NOT SEE THIS BEING LIVED OUT**

Because of the failure of our predecessor, and the escalation of our own inability and rebellion, things progress in our estimation from bad to worse...

- A. This sense of failure, of wrongness is clear to all who look AND equally evident to those who do not wish to look or who are not willing to look
  - 1. We see injustice
  - 2. We see a digression towards godlessness and ruin
  - 3. We see lack
  - 4. We see violence

5. We see sickness and death

B. rather than making things better we often find our efforts only add to the chaos and exacerbate the problems we were trying to repair in the first place.

### **III. THIS WILL SHOVE PEOPLE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, MOST OF WHICH ARE PURE VANITY**

On both sides of the culture gap there is a reaction to this current state of things, and unless there is a determined effort and deliberate focus to see and submit to the authority of God, the reactions will be ultimately destructive.

A. Denial

1. Of God
2. Of the problem
3. Of anything better as a possibility

B. Humanist efforts to fix things

- C. Selfish escapes and avoidance
- D. Hopeless resignation and hedonism
- E. Despair and evil-minded destruction

#### **IV. BUT WE SEE JESUS!**

Here is the hope that is rooted in truth. The manner in which GOD has solved the problem and resolved the conflict of intent vs. reality.

- A. God has allowed us to See Jesus

John 6.44

- B. HE has been given to fix this world
  - 1. To pay the debt

**Romans 5.8-9**

2. To take final control

Philippians 2.5-11

3. To put mankind on track

Philippians 2.12-13

4. To share it with us

C. His death was crowned with Glory and Honor

D. He was made man ( a little lower than the angels ) for this very purpose

E. This is the vehicle of grace which God has ordained for us all to share

F. This is the HOPE that resolves the tension. For in Christ we see:

1. that the momentary discord was needful,

2. and that means that all of this, is part of God's purpose.

3. That NOTHING is out of His control, not even for one second.
4. That all things are EXACTLY as they should at this moment.
5. That we can rest easy, knowing that God is on His throne and that He is doing exactly as He pleases, and what pleases Him is always exactly RIGHT, GOOD and PERFECT.

## **V. AND THIS IS THE THRUST OF THE PASSAGE MOVING FORWARD.**

- i. Fitting to make the captain perfect though suffering,
- ii. United with us in every way possible
- iii. Completely like us, YET He was W/O sin
- iv. The force of this work IS the humanity of Jesus
- v. He is the perfect God-man. The perfect second Adam, who has completed (perfectly) all that the first Adam ruined.
- vi. He has purchased the foreclosure on our destiny, redeemed us and paid the price (and more) so that He could bring us home.