

Death, Devil, - THE Deliverer

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Let us pray.

Dear heavenly Father, most gracious and holy Lord, we ask at this time, oh Lord, that thou would attend this time, that thou would send thy Spirit to instruct us, Lord, in the things of thy kingdom that are so needful for our souls. Lord, I pray that thy Word this morning would be sent to the hearts and the souls of thy people to nourish, to comfort, to reveal thyself to thy children this day. Lord, for those that thou hast not revealed thyself, we ask, oh Lord, that thy Word would come powerfully, that thou would send the birth from above that only thou can give to turn a dead man into a life living man. Oh Lord, may this life be imparted to thy people today. May you give us thoughts of thee, meditations of thee that we come away from this world and we come away from the things that so easily beset us and, Lord, may we see thee high and lifted up. Bless this hour, Lord, and anoint my lips. Bring forth thy unction to the praise and glory of thy name and may thy truth flow this day and, Lord, may thy enemies be put down. Bless this day for thy glory, for thy name's sake in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

I would like you to go straight with me this morning to the text that we will be in for the entire sermon today. It comes from two verses in Hebrews chapter two. I will read through it first, make some comments about by way of overview and then in humble dependence upon the Lord, the Holy Ghost, we may look at it more deeply this morning.

In Hebrews chapter two our text today reads, beginning in verse 14 and 15:

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.¹

There is a lot of truth in these two verses. There is a lot of deep pearls for the children of God. There are three precious doctrines to be found. The doctrines of Christ in these two verses, one that he was made flesh. We will say a few words about that today. Two, that he destroyed the devil; and, three, that he is a deliverer to a captive people.

¹ Hebrews 2:14-15.

So this morning I want to hopefully look at each part, look at each message the Lord has in his Word this morning and may he come powerfully to your soul this morning to show what we have in Christ Jesus once again, the great high priest.

Verse 14 begins this way.

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood.”²

You know, we can’t get around that. Man is always trying to invent something. Man is always trying to better himself. Man is always trying to become a superman. We have invented super heroes. We have invented super things, super genes, super abounding things that man believes that by putting them on or by dressing himself up he can become something more than what the Creator made him.

But for the child of God he is reduced in the sovereign hand of the Lord to see that he is fearfully and wonderfully made by the Lord, the triune Lord.

When we come to the beginning of this verse, “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood,”³ we don’t shun that. It is how we were made. We were made in flesh and blood. And we know that after the fall at the beginning man was made upright. But when the fall came, when in that moment man fell and all of man fell in Adam, this flesh and blood became contaminated. It became fallen. It became polluted. It became polluted with sin.

And we can’t run away from that. We can’t better ourselves. We can’t make ourselves more holy. We can’t do works unto God and unto Christ to make ourselves more acceptable to God. No, we are flesh and blood. Every man that has ever walked this earth has been born that way, conceived of two parents, born and made of flesh and blood. But that is not where this verse stops, the beginning of this verse.

It says, “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same.”⁴

I don’t know how much and how often the Lord brings you down and bring you down to see this precious truth that the Lord was made flesh. What condescension this was, what a way to come down to partake in what we partake in every day. You and I in this year of 2011, we are made in flesh and blood. And this flesh is a wearisome thing. This flesh is something that decays every day. Death and sin have taken hold of it and from the moment that we come into this life we are at once dying, looking to that day, whatever appointed hour that is in God’s perfect time. We are moving fast toward that hour. And that can be a very fearful thing. That can be a place where there is a lot of torment. But Jesus likewise himself, he took part of the same. He took part of the flesh and blood.

² Hebrews 2:14.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

John 1:14 tells us, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.”⁵ And then there is a parenthetical quote in the middle of that. It says, “and we beheld his glory.”⁶ And that is the first question to you this morning. Have you beheld the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ in the fact that he became flesh, that he came down from a place with no sin, that he came down from a place of perfection, that he came down from endless communication and endless time with the Father, in a time that there was no pollution, in a place where there is no sin, in a place where there is nothing but perfection. And Jesus in that appointed hour and in that appointed time he came down.

I think about that often. I think about that in the frailty of my flesh when the Lord brings affliction to me. I think about that that my Lord came down and was afflicted in much, much more highness and cruel ways than I have ever been.

I was asked this week many times about the affliction, the ongoing one seems to be in my life. I was asked about it and how are you today? And the first thing that came to my thought was: It is not nails. It is not nails in my feet. It is not nails in my hands. It is not a crown of thorns.

For the Lord in what he did, in what he did in coming down, it is such sweet gospel to the people of God. We can't... as I look across this room and I have shared in many of the afflictions and almost every one of you in here. I know that at those times, those times for the children of God, as hard as they are, are precious and they are precious because they remind us and we are reminded by the Holy Ghost in those afflictions that our Lord was afflicted and that he went before us first and that he suffered for us and that in those times he can succor us. He can succor us in those times of need. And we can't thin of any more highness death. All of us have had afflictions. We have all had things we have went through, but even in those times, they are not as highness as what Christ was put through.

Do you ever have that comfort brought to your soul about what he went through? There is many times. I remember saying that to my son as he was laying in the back of the ambulance as we were going to the hospital, that the Lord suffered greater. And that is why so at this moment he can succor you and he can succor you just with that thought that I have suffered a greater, greater, greater punishment, a greater affliction.

Oh, yes, he likewise himself took part of the same.

“We beheld his glory,”⁷ that verse says, “the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”⁸

That is my second question today. Have you beheld this Savior as full of grace and truth? Do you still hang on to the remnants of the law? Do you still have that idea that

⁵ John 1:14.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

obedience and obeying the law and obeying these Scriptures and obeying... it is bondage. But is that bondage still upon you that you must do this to make the Lord happy, to please the Lord? Because that, too, is what Christ did in becoming flesh. We can't please the Lord in our obedience. But in him being made flesh, in him going to the cross in perfect obedience, he did it for us. See, he is full of grace and truth. And the grace and the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ sets the captivity of the captive free.

I think of the grace of Christ often because the Lord in his perfection of his law when it is applied to me, I see how far short I fall to his glory.

Paul wrote in Romans 10:4, "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."⁹

You know, Paul wrote in Romans six, seven and eight, he wrote of the law of faith. It doesn't seem like those two words go together, but it is because as Christ, as Paul says here, "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth,"¹⁰ it is the faith that he imparts. It is the faith that he gives to live in this life, the faith to believe that our Lord and Savior went first and he did.

As the great shepherd he went first before all of his sheep. And he showed a more excellent way and he showed the path that he will bring his sheep in. And in this world we will have many afflictions and we will have many trials and we will have much tribulation. But he has overcome it. And that is what these two verses show us today without getting ahead of ourselves.

He took our nature. And I can't even begin to describe. Maybe you feel your nature today. Do you feel your nature is weak? I do. Do you feel your nature is broken down and frail? I do. Do you feel the vulnerability of yourself? That is what the Lord Jesus Christ took upon himself, our nature. And in that nature, in that flesh and blood, in that man he was perfectly obedient, perfectly obedient to satisfy, to satisfy all of the law's demands and to satisfy the justice of his Father who is perfectly holy.

Yes, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same."¹¹

It is a precious doctrine. It is a precious place to be brought to, to sit and think of him coming down, of the Lord Jesus Christ. And, really, doesn't it say something for him? Doesn't it say that he is all in all to his people? As you and I walk this life, as we struggle against the things that we struggle against, the world and all of its allurements, oh, my, will it pull us in every direction. Satan in all of his many torments and all of his many fears, in all of his many trickeries. And how about our own self? How about the flesh that rises up in us all the time? There is always that constant warfare. But the Lord Jesus Christ, he came down here to save his people from their sins, to save his people from

⁹ Romans 10:4.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Hebrews 2:14.

what will certainly arise in our life, sin, trials, tribulations and, as we will see today, death and Satan.

It is precious and I stumble and I hesitate to call it doctrine, but it is. It is the doctrine of what Christ did, because I don't... doctrine sometimes when I say those words I am always leery and that we don't want a head knowledge. A head knowledge is just that. It is a head knowledge. And it will get you as far as to the next trial. But a soul understanding, being imparted to your soul that the Lord Jesus Christ was made flesh, oh, what a coming down for us. And don't we live that out every day, our need of this Savior that he walked on this earth, our need for that Savior to have been made flesh, our need of this Savior to have come to save us? Let it sink in.

Oh, I pray the Holy Spirit imparts us now at this hour his great love. In this you see love, the love of the Father to send his Son, the love of the Son to come and the love of the Holy Spirit to prepare a body for him.

It is the perfect love of the triune God. May he impart this to your soul this morning.

But that is not all.

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same.”¹²

We must go to Philippians chapter two and in support of this point I am sure that this passage came to many of you as it came to me. I love to read this what Paul wrote about what the Holy Spirit authored in Philippians two beginning in verse seven.

“But made himself of no reputation...”¹³

You know, how different that is today of one of the allurements of this world is entitlement. One of the sins and one of the darts that Satan throws at us is to pop up ourselves in pride, to have a title, to have a name above another name. But the Lord made himself of no reputation.

How can the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the one Lord, God himself make himself of no reputation? To the people of God he has great reputation. But when he came here being born in a manger in such a humble birth, that should show us something. It shows us a more excellent way.

“But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.”¹⁴

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Philippians 2:7.

¹⁴ Ibid.

I mean just that thought, to be made in the likeness of men as we were created in the image of God and now it seems to be backwards. To save man, what a perfect plan of salvation. Man, you couldn't do it in the garden. Man, you must have a greater than Adam. You must have the second Adam. You must have the Lord Jesus Christ and he must come down to show, to show his people, to save his people from their sins.

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.¹⁵

Those are powerful words to the soul of the child of God when applied by the Holy Spirit. That he found himself in fashion as a man. He humbled himself.

I am always struck at that time when we just passed resurrection day and, yes, we do live in the resurrection of Christ and every day or when the resurrection is impressed upon my soul, I always remember that. I remember it now because brother Tim sings it every year, but he could have called legions of angels. He could have at any time set himself free. He could have at any moment said, "No, I am going back to the Father."

I think about that and how many times I want to give up in the struggle against things in this life.

There are times when instructing my children they seem to do the same thing over and over. I just want to throw my hands up and say, "I am done with this. Just leave them over there. Just..." but you can't.

And many times the afflictions seem to last longer than we would want. And many times you think, well, it seems to get worse and worse. But then it is quickened to you.

But the Lord, he endured. He endured to the end. And if I be in Christ Jesus, if that faith that the Christ Jesus has, if it is his faith then I, too, can endure in him.

Now he became obedient unto death. And do you know what? And we are going to talk a little bit about that today. Because as Christ became obedient unto death all of his children will become obedient unto death. And that is a hard thing. That is a hard thing to say. But I truly believe it. I truly believe that in that appointed hour the Lord makes his children obedient unto death.

Let's go back to our text.

And now we move on.

¹⁵ Philippians 2:7-8.

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same.”¹⁶

If that is all we had today, we could talk a lot more about that. But there is another precious truth right around the corner, that through death, through the laying down of his life “he might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.”¹⁷

Does that seem odd to you that the greater defender of his people destroyed Satan and destroyed the devil who is the same through death? A day that the very enemy believed he had won, a day when Satan believed that his greatest triumph has occurred, but in that death through death he destroyed him that had the power of death, that is the devil.

You know, the devil is a mighty enemy. And this is the mightiest of his darts is always the fear of death. As the afflictions come—and it doesn’t matter how young you are or how old you are—and maybe you can identify with this, maybe you can’t. I know that I have all through my life, it doesn’t matter what affliction comes, the thought comes in your mind, is this the one? Is this the one that could lead to death? Is this the one that death will finally... it will be the final passage.

And you say, “Well, that is odd. I mean, even for a flu or something like that?”

Oh, yeah. Those times that we are weak, those times it is... that thought always comes in there and there is a reason that thought always comes in there, because it is a torment and it is a dart hurled by Satan himself.

But, see, the children of God aren’t left there because it is the Word like this that the Lord imparts to his people, that that very death that seems to be that this big specter over us, that through the Lord’s death he destroyed the power of death. That is an amazing thing. We understand this, of course, and Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians. We read these on resurrection day. And as I said earlier, we can’t get away from resurrection day. For the child of God it is every day. It is every day the Lord brings him above this world. It is every day that the Lord impresses upon him that he is risen. It may not be every day in our life, but it is every day that he brings it to the soul of the child of God. And ultimately he brings us there. He brings us there in this victory.

In 1 Corinthians 15:54 and 55 he says, “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”¹⁸

Questions that when the child of God is brought to this place, is brought to the chains of death have been loosened off of him, these are the questions that we cry out and we say, “Lord, you have swallowed up this death in your victory.” And the fear of that death is no more, because death no longer is an end. It is a beginning. It is no longer the end of life. It is the beginning of being known face to face as we are known. It is no longer a slave to

¹⁶ Hebrews 2:14.

¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸ 1 Corinthians 15:54-55.

what you are going to leave behind and the loved one that you leave behind and what is going to happen to them. It is the life, it is the life of Christ that is left that you see in those that are left behind. See how that paralyzing death and that fear of death is taken away?

Sometimes I think when I come to a passage like this, I know that there are more of you in here that have passed a lot closer to it than I ever have. And I know that your soul is in here, the Lord has spoken things to you that he hasn't show me in my journey here. But I think you know what I am talking about. I think the power of the Word here means something that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. And, oh, what a power that is. It seems to come at all the times that we are afflicted. It seems to come in all the times. And I have experienced this in others, those that I love in this room. When it looked like that time was so near for them to pass. I know what that fear of death is. I know what it is like to be crippled by it and to cry out to the Lord, "Lord have mercy. Have mercy, Lord."

Oh, Lord, if it just be your... just one more hour, just one more day. Oh, Lord, if it be your will and in this case it was. Praise be to God.

Through his death he destroyed him that had the power of the devil.

I want you to hold your finger there because, of course, we are going to keep coming back. We don't... just turn back to 2 Timothy one for a minute. I want to look at verse 10, but I will reads verse nine first.

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality.¹⁹

See, that word is the one we don't understand. We can't understand it without the quickening of the Holy Ghost. What is immortality? It is that we don't pass off from this life. It is eternal life. This is life eternal, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is everlasting life in the Lord Jesus Christ. He has brought life and immortality to light. He brings it to our sight through the gospel, through the gospel that he is alive, through the gospel that he put down death, to the gospel that he has destroyed Satan.

And make no mistake about it. It is his greatest dart and he comes with it to every age. And there is no discrimination that he comes to, but he only comes to the people of God. He only comes there mightily to the people of God to say, "You know what? That resurrection isn't real." Maybe it wasn't for you. Maybe at this time as you get closer to this hour, maybe you are realizing his blood didn't cover you and that is where the fear of death comes, because the fear of death really is that your sins haven't been saved, they

¹⁹ 2 Timothy 1:9-10.

haven't been put away and that your soul has not been saved. That is where the power of death is.

And what is the answer? There is only one that can deliver us from that day. And this is what Hebrews is telling us, that though his death and through his resurrection he destroyed him that had the power of death as the prince of the power of this air. And we look all around. There is death everywhere. That is one of the things I hated about going to the hospital every day. That wearied on me so much. There is death everywhere. Everywhere you go. I mean we don't have to go to the hospital. It is in the streets. It is in the people that you look dead into their eyes and you listen to who their god is and you listen to their life and everything, it is just death.

And the greatest fear is, oh Lord, am I that way? Save me from that death to come. Save me from that fear, Lord. And it is only his perfect love that can cast out that torment.

So in 2 Timothy 1:10 we see that death has been destroyed. But, see, this passage doesn't say that death was destroyed. It was the power of death that was destroyed. And who has the power of death?

Now turn with me over to Luke 11. The children should know this one well. We have covered this very recently in speaking of the parables. And this is one of my favorite and it is only—well, they are all one of my favorites, so that is not really saying much. But it is only two verses.

It begins in Luke 11 verse 21. And we see something here.

“When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace.”²⁰

Do you know who that is? That is Satan. He is the strong man. The strong man is Satan and when his people, when all of his power of death and all of his darts are working and all of his torments are working, his goods are kept in peace. And all of his that torment, oh, they are all subject to him. And we are going to get to that verse because there is no running away from it.

And we are all... we have that fear and that specter is over us and whatever hour it is, and whatever time it is and whatever the affliction is, whatever, maybe it is just the shortness of breath you have one night, but that specter comes and says, “Oh, is this more?” It is just a terrifying... I mean, that is what Satan's kingdom, when he is in place, when he is ruling as the prince of the power of the air, he has got such a great armor. He has got a great... he has got all of his minions. He has got all of his darts that he hurls. He hands got all of his fears. He has got all of his torments. And he hurls them at every one of them. And then mostly, mostly I say, because if he has got to somebody he sure ain't going to bother them. But with a child of God, oh, I am going to hurl them at him. Oh, I am going to keep on him. I am going to keep on him.

²⁰ Luke 11:21.

But guess what, dear ones? The goods that are in peace, that is us. He is in peace when nothing... when the greater than him hasn't come and when we still are a slave to Satan, when we are still a slave to that fear, we need something greater. Greater than Satan is here. And that is what Jesus tells us in the next verse.

“But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour.”²¹

He takes from him the fear of death. He takes from him all of his many temptations. He takes from him all of the darks that he hurls at the child of God and he puts him under his feet and he can't hurt the child of God anymore, not in this place, not in this place when we are safe and secure in Christ Jesus.

You say, “Well, we are always that way.”

Yes, we are, but as long as we are here on this earth we are going to have a struggle.

“But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour.”²²

He disarms him.

“... wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils,”²³ because there is victory.

And who does he divide them with? His children.

This is when he comes through in the child of God's life and he shows him that a greater than Satan is here and he shows him that victory is in the Lord Jesus Christ and he shows him that I am the resurrection and the life. And he shows him that he has defeated Satan and he shows him back here in Hebrews two that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. And that is the deliverance and that is when the Lord Jesus Christ shows us that he has defeated this enemy.

Oh, what an enemy it is. And it may not last long. But to your soul, you soul which Satan cannot touch, the Lord speaks to your soul that you have been delivered. The Lord speaks to your soul that he has put down his enemy. He put him down once in eternity. He put him down in time here and he will put him down in your life every day that he shines through in his perfect time, in the day of his power.

But then there is verse 15. And we look at 15 back in our text for the third precious truth.

²¹ Luke 11:22.

²² Ibid.

²³ Ibid.

“And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”²⁴

You know, we can't get around that. We love the first part where it says he delivers them who had the fear of death. And that is, that is what we just talked about. He is a great deliverer.

The apostle Paul said in Galatians 1:4 he has to be delivered from this present evil world. We all know that in Romans 7:24 he cried out, “Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”²⁵

And then he went right in and he talked about the Lord.

“I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord,”²⁶ who is my deliverer. So he knew who his deliverer was.

But Paul was still afflicted. Paul still had the thorn in his flesh and so do you and I.

In the fear of death we learn something about it here in 15. See that part where it says, “were all their lifetime”²⁷?

I am not up here to paint you a pretty picture. I am not up here to say that you are completely delivered. Oh, you are in eternity. But here on earth all your lifetime you will be subject to the fear of death, subject to it, not a slave to it. You will be tormented with it, but not a slave to it. You will... it will be brought to your mind many times. But a greater than he is here. A greater than Satan is here. And the one who sets all captives, captive, set captivity captive, the ones he set free, that is what he came for. He led captivity captive and he made his people free. And if you be free in Christ, you are free indeed.

Do you know what that means? That means he brings that to your soul and he says this specter and this fear that will always be there as long as I am here on earth and sometimes, as I said, it doesn't...it may not be to us. The fear of death may not be for ourselves. Maybe for our children. It may be for our loved ones that we love so dearly. And that fear will come back again. But a greater than that fear is here. And a greater than the one who brings the fear is here.

“And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”²⁸

²⁴ Hebrews 2:15.

²⁵ Romans 7:24.

²⁶ Romans 7:25.

²⁷ Hebrews 2:15.

²⁸ Ibid.

We have one more place to go. I couldn't think of a better place to go to see the deliverer than Joshua chapter five.

In Joshua chapter five we begin in verse 13.

“And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand.”²⁹

See, the Lord comes when we are afflicted wherein... Joshua is about to go to a mighty battle. And, see, the thing about that battle that makes it so unique is he is not taking any swords and he is not taking any spears. He is going to take trumpets and he is going to take lanterns and that is it.

So I would guess about this time that Joshua's soul had to be pretty much in trepidation because this was... this was a great deliverance that was about to take place. But now he has to pass through the valley. And as he has seen... as he comes there he sees a vision of a man and he sees the man and the man has his sword drawn because he is always ready to defend and fight for his people. And he is always ready to go before his people. And Joshua looks at him and he says—and this is the question we all want to know, isn't it?

“Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?”³⁰

Oh, when we come to this Word and the Lord sends it down to our soul, especially when he applies the law and he applies his holiness, isn't that what you want to know? Oh, Lord, are you for me? Are these words for me? Are these the words that you quicken to my soul tonight? Oh, Lord, am I on the outside? Am I deceived so much to believe?

Isn't that the question we ask in the times when we are by ourselves? Are you for us or are you for our adversaries? Am I an adversary?

And then Jesus speaks as our deliverer. And then Jesus speaks with power.

“And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come.”³¹

I have come to your soul as the captain of the host and a deliverer and I will go before you. And what can we do when the Lord sends that to our soul?

Joshua is a picture of that.

“And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?”³²

²⁹ Joshua 5:13.

³⁰ Ibid.

³¹ Joshua 5:14.

³² Ibid.

Oh, Lord, what is it you would have me? What is it, Lord? What is your direction?

See how we have to be brought there? See how we are always up in arms? See how we are cumbered about many things? But we have to be brought to his fee.

Joshua didn't come there by himself. He didn't come there by his own free will. He came there as the Lord brought him there and showed him and subdued his pride and subdued who he was and he laid him at his feet and he said, "I will go before you. I am the greater deliverer."

And when the child of God sees that, all of his arms are laid down and he lays prostrate at his feet and he says, "Yes, Lord, I am listening."

And that is what Joshua is doing.

"Yes, Lord I am listening."

"And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so."³³

What do we hear? We see that the Lord reveals his holiness. He reveals his righteousness. He reveals who he is, not who we are, who he is to the child of God. That is where we are at peace. That is where we are made to lie down in the bed of his righteousness, in the bed of his holiness. This is our great high priest.

This is our deliverer.

We will end today back in Hebrews two. I won't ask you to turn anymore, but I want to read it one more time.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels.³⁴

He didn't make himself as one of the angels.

"...but he took on him the seed of Abraham."³⁵

He made himself as one of the seed of Abraham.

³³ Joshua 5:15.

³⁴ Hebrews 2:14-16.

³⁵ Hebrews 2:16.

“Wherefore in all things it behoved him [it pleased him, it was his will to do so] to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God.”³⁶

In all of the things of God here is our high priest. Here is our intercessor. Here is our mediator and here is our reconciler.

“...to make reconciliation for the sins of his people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”³⁷

Yes, a greater than Satan is here. A greater than ourselves is here. A greater than anything is here. This is the Lord our great high priest. May he bring that to your soul.

Dear heavenly Father, most gracious and holy Lord, add thy power, thy strength, thy illumination to thy Word this hour, to the praise and glory of thy name and for thy name's sake. All glory to thee, oh Lord, and praise thy holy name in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

³⁶ Hebrews 2:17.

³⁷ Hebrews 2:17-18..