



The Book of Hebrews 2:10 Perfect through Sufferings!

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Happy Consecration!

Holy Text: Hebrews 2:10

When last we were in Hebrews, we looked at verse 9:

***Hebrews 2:9 (KJV)** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

Contextually, we said, "That the author of Hebrews continued his argument that Christ is superior to the angels. The writer is explaining that even in His humanity, Christ, as the Son of Man, is superior to angels too!

In Verse 9, we see this more clearly. After exalting the privileged place of humanity, the author pivots to the ultimate Man, Jesus our King. And although Mankind's earthy dominion is tarnished by sin, 'When the Son of Man returns to reign over the earth, man's dominion will be restored. Jesus, as Man, will restore what Adam lost, and more besides. So while we do not see everything under man's control at the present time, **we do see Jesus**, and in Him we find the key to man's eventual rule over the earth.'"¹

Then we were reminded that Christ:

1. Is the sum of all things (Col 1:15-20)
2. God the Son, fully divine (John 1:1-3)
3. The Son of God, fully human, made a little lower than the angels... (1 Tim 2:5)
4. ...for suffering and death for our sins!

***1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (KJV)** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

5. Tasted death for every man (redemptively, every elect person)!

***Romans 8:28-30 (KJV)** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

Hallelujah! He is Worthy of Praise!

***Revelation 5:8-12 (KJV)** And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. **9** And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and*

¹ Believer's Bible Commentary

hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; **10** And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. **11** And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; **12** Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.**

Perfect Through Sufferings!

Hebrews 2:10 (KJV) *For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

Thoughts on this marvelously rich Text:

1. “For it became Him...”

- The *Him* here is the Father. It “became,” or it was “fitting” that the Father send the Son. It was the right thing...or the perfect and only way of righteousness.
- Beloved, there was no other way for us to be saved: cleansed from sin, our sin debt paid, and forgiven by a holy God! Christ alone could accomplish this! Christ alone! Christ alone!
- May be never forget the awesome love of God in sending the Son, and the terrible hatred of God towards sin in sending the Son!
- “It was entirely in keeping with the righteous character of God that man's dominion should be restored through the humiliation of the Savior. Sin had disturbed God's order. Before order could be brought out of chaos, sin must be dealt with righteously. It was consistent with the holy character of God that Christ should suffer, bleed, and die to put away sin.”²
- Due to man’s sinful heart and inclinations, the only “fit” one to save us was God Himself!

Romans 3:25 (KJV) *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*

2. “For whom are all things...”

- All things were created for God...for His good pleasure. This phrase (and the next) are common (and excellent!) ways the apostles often used to add power and majesty to the thought that the God who made all still loves and saves pitiful creatures like us!

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (KJV) *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **18** And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

Romans 11:33-36 (KJV) *O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! **34** For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? **35** Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? **36** For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

² Bible Believer’s Commentary

3. “And by Whom are all things...”

- All things were created by God as well!

Revelation 4:11 (KJV) *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

Ephesians 3:8-10 (KJV) *Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; **9** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: **10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,*

Oh again friends, “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?” (Heb 2:6) As the songwriter once said, “I don’t know why Jesus loves me, I don’t know why He cares...I don’t know why He sacrificed His life, oh but I’m glad...so glad He did!”

4. “In Bringing many sons unto glory!”

- Not only is our God “mindful” of us, but He brings us unto glory!
- Three quick points here:

1. God BRINGS us. Salvation is of the LORD! (Ps 3:8; Jon 2:9)
2. We are His Sons and Daughters! What love!

1 John 3:1 (KJV) *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*

3. God’s salvation is described as glory! Remember verse 7 where we listed 9 ways God gives glory to man!³ Indeed:

1 Peter 5:10-11 (KJV) *But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. **11** To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

5. “Jesus: The Captain of our Salvation!”

- The Greek for *captain* is *archēgos*. It means “Prince” and can be translated as “founder” or “originator,” “chief leader,” or “author.”

Acts 5:31 (KJV) *Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.*

³ <https://calvaryreformationchurch.org/sermons/2023/12/the-book-of-hebrews-25-8-mindful-of-man>

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- But in keeping with the military-like usage in the KJV, let us heed the Word of Paul:

2 Timothy 2:3-4 (KJV) Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **4** No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

6. “Perfect through Suffering!”

- Does this verse imply that Christ was not somehow perfect? No! He is sinless, a sacrificial Lamb without spot or blemish!

1 Peter 1:18-19 (KJV) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV) For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Hebrews 7:26 (KJV) For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

1 John 3:5 (KJV) And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

- So what is it saying? That to accomplish His redemptive mission, He must suffer. “Perfect” here (*teleioō*) looks like an adjective, but it has a verb-like implication. It is also translated in the KJV as “made,” “finish,” “fulfilled,” and “consecrated.”
- Therefore, Christ would “perfect” or accomplish/achieve our salvation through His suffering! And suffer He did:

Luke 22:63-65 (KJV) And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him. **64** And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee? **65** And many other things blasphemously spake they against him.

Matthew 26:67-68 (KJV) Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, **68** Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

Matthew 27:26-31 (KJV) Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. **27** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. **28** And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. **29** And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! **30** And they spit

upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. **31** And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

Matthew 27:35 (KJV) And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

Mark 15:25 (KJV) And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

Mark 15:34 (KJV) And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, *Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?* which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Mark 15:37-38 (KJV) And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. **38** And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

Isaiah prophesied concerning Christ:

Isaiah 53:3-6 (KJV) He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **4** Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. **5** But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Hallelujah!

The Purpose of Sickness/Suffering in our Lives: A Reminder for your Encouragement

Our LORD suffered. We too must, at times, suffer:

1 Peter 2:21 (KJV) For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Here is our Biblical Perspective on Sickness, Suffering, and Healing⁴:

1. All suffering is, in a general way, the result of sin in the world. (Gen 3)
2. Sometimes suffering is a direct result of sin in a person's life. (1 Cor 11:27-30)
3. However, not all suffering is a direct result of sin in a person's life. Sometimes there is a divine purpose for and in sickness we cannot see.
4. Sometimes suffering is a result of satanic activity. (Job 2:7; Luke 13:10-17)
5. The good news is that God can and does heal! In a very real sense, all healing is divine.
6. And yes, God also heals miraculously!
7. Yet we must also be clear that it is not always God's will to heal on earth. To have a *Biblical Perspective on Healing*, we must wrestle with God's loving sovereignty. This is why when we

⁴ <https://calvaryreformationchurch.org/sermons/2016/4/a-biblical-perspective-on-healing>

suffer we must pray (James 5:13). God, in His mercy, often helps us understand His plan, or at a minimum, rest in His sufficient grace.

8. God has not promised to heal in every case; therefore, healing is not something we can demand from Him. In modern times, we confuse “praying with expectation” with “God MUST DO what I say!” But faith does three things: faith asks, faith believes, and faith trusts. The trust part is the difficult part because the answer isn’t up to us, but Him.
9. While it is true in a general sense that our healing is in Christ’s Atonement, it is also true that not all the blessings of the atonement have been given yet. Are we healed by Christ’s suffering? Yes! But the purpose for His Atoning sacrifice is for the forgiveness of sin. Again from Isaiah 53:5:

Wounded for—> Our transgressions (sin)

Crushed for—> Our iniquities (sin)

His Chastisement for—> Our peace (with God, needed because of sin)

By His Stripes—> He purchased our redemption, or our spiritual healing

- His Atonement also purchased our glorified, sin-free, totally healed bodies! (1 Cor 15)
They are yet to come!
10. It is not true that failure to be healed always indicates a lack of faith. Again, remember Job!
There may be other spiritual realities! We are NOT commending doubt; we are lifting up true faith in our loving God!

Final Thoughts:

Christ is the *Captain of our Salvation*, an exalted position! And yet our Captain was made ***Perfect through Suffering***. The only way to accomplish the Father’s will for our redemption was Jesus’ suffering. We too must understand that the only way we enter heaven is through trial:

Acts 14:21-22 (KJV) *And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.*

2 Timothy 3:12 (KJV) *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

Remember our LORD’s exhortation:

Luke 9:23 (KJV) *And he said to them all, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.***

Luke 14:27 (KJV) *And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*

“**Ask, believe**, then **trust** our Captain dear friends! He loves you. He has your best in mind. In this world, we will have tribulation, but He has overcome the world. Sometimes, we pray in accordance to His will, and He heals. Sometimes, we make our petitions known to Him in faith,

and He is glorified, but has a different plan. He is sovereign. He is LORD. He is perfect and never errs. Trust Him, and walk by faith.”⁵

For the elect, there is always a divine purpose in suffering. So then, suffer well!

Amen.

⁵ Ibid