



## Part 2

# Jesus, Our Champion

Hebrews 2:5 – 18

Hebrews 2:1 – 4 – <sup>1</sup> So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may **drift away** from it. <sup>2</sup> For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. <sup>3</sup> So what makes **us** think we can escape if we **ignore** this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? <sup>4</sup> And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose. (NLT)

Hebrews 2:5–18

<sup>5</sup> It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> But there is a place where someone has testified: “What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? <sup>7</sup> You made him a little lower than the angels; you **crowned him with glory** and honor <sup>8</sup> and **put everything under his feet.**”

In putting everything under him, **God left nothing that is not subject to him.** Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. <sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> In bringing many sons to glory, it was **fitting** that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the **author** of their salvation **perfect** through suffering.

<sup>11</sup> Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is **not ashamed** to call them brothers.

<sup>12</sup> He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers; in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

<sup>13</sup> And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason **he had to be made like them**, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to **help** those who are being tempted.

Genesis 1:26 – 30 – <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make Man in our image, in our likeness, so that they may **rule** over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind **in his own image**, in the **image of God** he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. **Rule over** the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food . . . And it was so. (NIV)

Genesis 3:6 – 8 – <sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. (NIV)

## ACTION STEPS:

1. Read Hebrews 1 & 2 enough times that what it’s saying really sinks in.

Then watch the movie, *Hacksaw Ridge*, and think of the battlefield as God’s creation as it’s been corrupted and disfigured by sin.

Genesis 6:5 – 6 & 11 – <sup>5</sup> The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. <sup>6</sup> The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

<sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence.

Try to see how Jesus is pictured by Doss, willingly entering this mess and putting himself in the same hell-hole we’re in and *running to the cry* for help to anyone who will call out to him and accept his help.

2. Re-evaluate your life. Have you *drifted away* from uncompromising faith in Christ? Call out to him for help and begin diligently renewing your faith.