

Study Notes and Questions for Hebrews 2: 10-18

Begin by reading the entire section from :10 to :18.

Verse 10

- Verse 10 begins by telling us that it was **fitting** for Jesus to be made complete through suffering. The word **fitting** means, consistent with God's divine character and wisdom. How was the suffering of Jesus consistent with God's character?
- In the **ESV** Jesus is referred to as the **founder** of our salvation. This word also means leader, originator, or even author. The Greeks commonly used it to describe a "pioneer who blazed a trail for others to follow." How does that insight help you see Jesus as it relates to your salvation?

Pastor Paul brought out 6 things from this chapter that outline how the suffering of Jesus completed His Saviorhood and benefitted the Body of Christ.

Point 1: **Through His suffering we are made family**

Re-read :11-13

- What is it that makes us children of God?
 - What are the benefits of being children of God?
 - How does this change the way you view other people in the Body of Christ?
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Point 2: **Jesus destroyed the devil and his power of death**

Re-read :14

- How has Jesus destroyed the power of death?
 - The word "destroyed" means rendered ineffective. How does that apply to what Jesus did to death?
 - Read **Revelation 1:17-18**. What does it mean that Jesus has the keys of death?
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Point 3: **Jesus delivered all those who were slaves to their fear of death**

Re-read :15

- How did the suffering of Jesus release us from our fear of death?
 - How should believers view death?
 - Why do you think some Christians still fear death?
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Point 4: **Jesus became a merciful and faithful high priest**

Re-read :17

- What is the role of a high priest?
 - How does Jesus function in that role for us?
 - How did our Lord's sufferings make Him a merciful and faithful high priest?
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Point 5: **Jesus removed the wrath of God for those who believe**

Re-read :17

- The word **propitiation** means "make atonement for." The literal definition is **to turn aside wrath**. How has the suffering of Jesus turned aside the wrath of God?
- **Bible Note:**

The Old Testament sacrificial system was designed to illustrate both God's just hatred of sin and His desire to show mercy by allowing a substitute to stand in for the offender. God allowed people to kill animals in place of themselves. These sacrifices "atoned for" (covered or made satisfaction for) sin, "expiated" (removed) people's guilt, and "propitiated" (satisfied, appeased) God's justice.

Those Old Testament sacrifices were not sufficient payment for sin in themselves.

Read **Romans 3: 21-26**. How does this passage speak to point 5?

Point 6: **Jesus can help us when we are tempted**

Re-read :18

- Why is it that Jesus can sympathize with us in our temptations?
- How does His make a difference?
- What else do we need besides sympathy when it comes to temptations?
- How does 1 Corinthians 10:13 answer our needs?