

# STUDIES IN THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

## PART I

### STUDY NUMBER THREE - Hebrews 2:10-18

It was a well known author and pastor  
Charles Allen who first told this little story.

It is a story about a little boy named John Todd who was born in Rutland, Vermont, in the autumn of 1800. Shortly after the boy's birth, the Todd family moved to the village of Killingsworth. It was there when John was only six that both his parents died. All the children had to be parceled out among relatives and a kind hearted aunt who lived ten miles away agreed to take John, to love him, to care for him and to give him a home. The boy lived there for some fifteen years and finally left as he went on to school to study for the ministry. Time passed gently as he began and later excelled in his work as a pastor. While he was in middle life, his elderly aunt fell desperately ill. Realizing death was not far off, in great distress she wrote her nephew. The pitiful letter included some of the same questions most all of us one day will ask. What will death be like? Will it be the end of everything? Fear and uncertainty were easily traced in the quivering lines of her letter. Moved with compassion and swamped with the memory of yesteryear he wrote her these words of reassurance:

It is now thirty-five years since I a little boy of six was left quite alone in the world.

You sent me word you would give me a home and be a kind mother to me. I have never forgotten the day when I made the long journey of ten miles to your house in north Killingsworth. I can still recall my disappointment when instead of coming for me yourself, you sent your colored man Caesar to fetch me. I well remember my tears and my anxiety as perched high on your horse and clinging tight to Caesar, I rode off to my new home. Night fell before we finished the journey and as it grew dark I became lonely and afraid. "Do you think she will go to bed before I get there?" I ask Caesar. "Oh no," he said reassuringly, "she sure will stay up for you. When we get out of these here woods you will see her candle shining in the window." Presently we did ride out into a clearing and there sure enough was your candle. I remember you were waiting at the door, that you put your arms close about me and that you lifted me a tired and bewildered little boy down from the horse. You had a big fire burning on the hearth and a hot supper waiting for me on the stove. After supper you took me to my new room, you heard me say my prayers and then you sat beside me until I fell asleep. You probably realize why I am recalling all of this to your memory. Some day soon God will send for you to take you to a new home. Don't fear the summons, the strange journey or the dark messenger of death. God can be trusted to do as much for you as you

were kind enough to do for me so many years ago. At the end of the road you will find love and a welcome waiting and you will be safe in God's care. I shall watch you and pray for you until you are out of sight and then wait for the day when I shall make the journey myself and find you waiting at the end of the road to greet me.

The Heart of today's study is family,  
but the heart of today's study too, is dealing  
with the fear of death, which naturally  
is characteristic of all of us  
as we journey through life.

When you read the apostle Paul, in many  
of his writings, when he doesn't know  
whether he is going to be living or dying,  
you see quiet confidence and hope.

In the book of Philippians he says,  
"For me to live as Christ.

When you read of him in 2 Timothy Chapter 4  
just before he does die, he says:

"I am ready to depart, the time of my departure  
is at hand, I have fought a good fight,  
I finished the course,  
I have kept the faith."

Last week we read, in verse 9 that we are

seeing Jesus, who for a little time  
was made lower than the angels.

That he by the grace of God,  
might taste death for every man.

He came for the purpose of dying,  
his mission was to come,  
to give his life to provide eternal salvation.

**v.10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things,  
and through whom are all things, in bringing many  
sons to glory, to perfect the originator of their  
salvation through sufferings.

Let's put this in perspective.  
We are seeing the author write a letter,  
to some Jewish Christians, who are contemplating  
going back under the law, because it's  
a lot more comfortable, and they won't  
have to suffer persecution any more.

It seems like this is the best choice to make,  
in order to have some semblance of peace  
and happiness in their lives. But the author says:

Christ is the last message from God the Father.  
He is greater than the prophets,  
he is greater than the angels and in his argument  
next week, we are going to see  
that he is greater than even Moses himself.

But now as we come down to the end of the second chapter, it's like everything is focused on family.

You realize that when you become a Christian, you are born again by the Spirit, into God's family, and so the writer is using one of the most powerful arguments and compelling arguments that focus on the son, daughter relationship with God the Father because of what Christ did.

So keep the family in the back of your minds, as we look at these verses.

Let's look at this tenth verse.

## "FOR IT WAS FITTING FOR HIM"

When you read something like that,  
you know that  
God the Father and  
God the Son and  
God the Spirit planned all this and  
they deemed it the right thing to do.

It was right for Him to taste death for every man,  
simply because he loved us so much,  
and this was the only way,  
that God's sovereign justice

could be satisfied, was by the death of his son.

**"FOR IT WAS FITTING FOR HIM."**

It was the right thing for God to do.

Now notice two things are said about Jesus in the next two phrases.

**"FOR IT WAS FITTING FOR HIM( that is Jesus who we saw in the last verse ), FOR WHOM ARE ALL THINGS, AND THROUGH WHOM ARE ALL THINGS."**

Now those are not strange statements.  
All things were created for Him and  
all things were created through Him.  
He is the one who created it all.

### Colossians 1:16

**For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created by Him and for Him.**

**"FOR IT WAS FITTING FOR HIM, FOR WHOM ARE ALL THINGS, AND THROUGH WHOM ARE ALL THINGS, (What) IN BRINGING MANY SONS TO GLORY."**

**Whenever you are going to enter into a project,  
or you are going to do something major,  
you have to have a mission statement.**

**You have to have a reason, for doing  
what you are doing.**

**Here is the mission statement that ought to put  
every other statement to bed.**

**JESUS CAME TO TASTE DEATH  
FOR EVERY MAN.**

**What is His purpose?**

**His mission?**

**His target?**

**What did He come to do?**

**“BRING MANY SONS TO GLORY.”**

**Sons means all of us.**

**We are not sons by physical birth.**

**We are only sons and daughters by a spiritual birth.**

**So this presumes that something, has to happen  
before you are going to be brought to glory.**

**"BRINGING MANY SONS" involves:**

**SALVATION,**

**SANCTIFICATION,**

and GLORIFICATION.

"SONS" speaks of relationship.

John 1:12

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,”

God the Father provides the salvation,  
and it was fitting for him to give His son  
to die on the cross, to taste death for every man,  
(TARGET – MISSION) “In bringing many sons to glory.”

v.10 "FOR IT WAS FITTING FOR HIM, FOR WHOM ARE ALL THINGS, AND THROUGH WHOM ARE ALL THINGS, IN BRINGING MANY SONS TO GLORY, TO PERFECT THE ORIGINATOR OF THEIR SALVATION THROUGH SUFFERINGS."

God perfects us through suffering.

We use the word “PERFECT”  
different, than what is meant here.

To PERFECT here means to  
carry to the goal,  
to accomplish the task,



to finish the mission,  
to fulfill the purpose for which He came.

Did He do that? We have to say YES.

He finished what He came to do.

So He was PERFECTED in the sense,  
that He accomplished the task,  
that was given to Him.

He is going to be PERFECTED  
through suffering.

Suffering has something to do with the task  
that He came to do.

So suffering was included in the whole process  
“IN BRINGING MANY SONS TO GLORY.”

Why is He telling them that?

Because they don't want to suffer  
and right now they are suffering  
and they don't like it.

They would rather go back under Judaism,  
where they don't have to suffer anymore.

**Suffering 101 is part of the divine curriculum,  
for your own personal Christ likeness.**

### **Romans 8:18**

**For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.**

### **Philippians 1:29**

**For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,**

### **2 Corinthians 4:17**

**For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.**

**Ray Stedman puts it all together by saying:**

**“The earthly life of Jesus is referred to in one**

phrase, made perfect through suffering. Was He not perfect when He came? When Jesus was a babe in Bethlehem's manger, was He not perfect even then? When he was tempted in the desert and Satan tried to turn Him from the cross, was He not already perfect? When He was feeding the five thousand, in compassionate ministry to the hungry multitudes, was He not perfect? Why then does it say He must be perfected by suffering?

“There are, of course, two perfections involved. He was perfect in His person all along. The Scriptures make this abundantly clear. But He was not yet perfect in His work. Some of you young people may be perfect in health, perfect in body, perfect in strength, perfect in the soundness of your humanity, but you are not yet perfect in the work you are called to do. Suppose Jesus Christ had come full-grown into the world a week before He died. Suppose He had never been born as a baby, had never grown up into adult life, but had stepped into the earth full-grown as a man. Suppose He had uttered in one week's time the Sermon on the Mount, the Olivet discourse, the Upper Room discourse and all the teachings that we have from His lips recorded in Scripture. Imagine that He came on Monday and on Friday they took Him out and crucified Him, hanging Him on the cross, and that He died, just as it is recorded in the Scriptures, bearing the sins of the world. Would He still have been a perfect Saviour?

“Certainly He would have been perfect as far as bearing our guilt is concerned: that only required a sinless Saviour.

But He would not have been perfect as far as bearing our infirmities, our weaknesses, is concerned. He would have been able to fit us for heaven some day, but never able to make us ready for earth right now. In such a case we could always say (as too often we do say, anyway), "How can God expect me to live a perfect life in my situation? After all, I'm only human. Christ has never been where I am. What does He know of my pressures, what does He know of what I'm up against?" But He was made perfect through His suffering. He does know, He does know!"  
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Now there is one more word in this verse.

**v.10 "FOR IT WAS FITTING FOR HIM, FOR WHOM ARE ALL THINGS, AND THROUGH WHOM ARE ALL THINGS, IN BRINGING MANY SONS TO GLORY, TO PERFECT THE ORIGINATOR OF THEIR SALVATION THROUGH SUFFERINGS."**

The word we have here "ORIGINATOR" makes reference to the One who made it all possible.

He is the "One who goes first."

He is the Leader.

He is the Point Man.

**“William Barclay says:**

**An archegos is some one who begins something in order that others may enter into it. He begins a family that some day others may be born into the family; he founds a city in order that others may some day dwell in the city; he founds a philosophic school that others may follow him into the truth and the peace that he himself has discovered; he is the author of blessings, or of penalties, into which others will also enter. An archegos is one who blazes the trail for others to follow. Someone has used this analogy. Suppose a ship was on the rocks, and suppose the only way to rescue was for someone to swim ashore with a line, in order that, once the line was secured, others might follow. The one who was first to swim ashore would be the archegos of the safety of the others. That is what the writer to the Hebrews means when he says that Jesus is the archegos of our salvation. Jesus was the pioneer who blazed the trail to God for us to follow.”**  
**pp. 18-19**

**What a joy to know, that He did that for us.**

<b>So He paid the price,</b>	<b>now we can be</b>
<b>sons and daughters</b>	<b>born into His family,</b>
<b>because of what</b>	<b>He did</b>
<b>by tasting death</b>	<b>for every man</b>

and He has accomplished His mission,  
**"IN BRINGING MANY SONS TO GLORY."**

You will notice, it is "IN BRINGING—  
 not everybody but—"MANY SONS INTO GLORY."

That doesn't tell you that every body  
 is going to glory, just MANY.

Not everybody is going to get there,  
 by going their own personal way.

The only way you are going to get there  
 is by a relationship with Christ.

He knows the will of man,  
 and the stubbornness  
 and the pride,  
 the arrogance that keeps a person,  
 from ever making this decision.

Therefore it is, just "MANY SONS"  
 that are brought "INTO GLORY."

**v.11 For both He who is sanctifying and those who are  
 being sanctified are all from one Father; for which**

**reason He is not ashamed to be calling them  
brethren,**

**I need to define the word “SANCTIFYING.”  
That means to make holy, to set apart.**

### **1 Peter 1:16**

**Because it is written, "You shall be holy,  
for I am holy."**

### **1 John 3:3**

**And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him  
purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

**Now what happens when you become a Christian?**

**Your standing before God is perfect,  
you are declared perfectly righteous  
in God's sight.**

**Christ's righteousness becomes yours.**

**In God's sight, it is as though  
you have never sinned  
but there is a difference  
between my standing and my state.**

**Down here                      I'm redeemed,  
by the blood                  of the lamb,  
but I still have    an old nature    and I'm fighting  
the world of flesh    and the devil.**

**I'm going to    get nailed    and  
I'm going to    fail                      and  
I'm going to    fall,  
but the bible                              makes provisions for that,  
if we    confess our sins,  
He is faithful                              and  
just,  
forgives    and cleanses.**

**That is part    of the journey,    to the high country.**

**"FOR BOTH HE WHO IS SANCTIFYING AND THOSE  
WHO ARE BEING SANCTIFIED ARE ALL FROM  
ONE FATHER."**

**We are all    from one father,    Jesus Christ.**

**"FOR WHICH REASON HE IS NOT ASHAMED TO BE  
CALLING THEM BRETHREN."**

**Isn't that incredible,**

**To realize    that the moment    that you were  
born again    into God's family,**



Jesus took out your picture,  
and showed the angels a new member  
of the family and He was  
showing you around in heaven.

Telling everybody there what happened.  
He is showing you off before you even get there!

That's exactly how you feel,  
about the children,  
that have been born in your family.

Now in order to understand verses 12 and 13,  
there are three Old Testament references,  
but get this picture in your mind.

This is God the son Jesus Christ, talking to  
God the Father, and this is what  
He is telling Him, about the family,  
and how He is identifying with us,  
as sinful men.

Read verses 12 and 13.

**v.12** saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brethren,  
in the midst of the church I will sing your praise."

**v.13 And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again,  
"Behold, I and the children whom God gave me."**

**Verses 12 and 13 illustrate, that Jesus  
does not hesitate, to identify himself,  
with the people of God.**

**He is saying to the Father,  
Father, I will proclaim your name  
to my brethren, in the midst of the church  
and secondly  
I will join them, in singing your praise.**

**See the focus on the family?  
He is proud of them.**

**These 3 OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCES  
are the basis of His oneness with men.  
These references are from:**

**1.Psalm 22**

**2.Isaiah 8:17**

**3.Isaiah 8:18**

**Now what I'd like for you to do,**

is to underline the 4-Verbs.

**1.PROCLAIM**

**2.SING**

**3.TRUST**

**4.GAVE**

**1.“I will PROCLAIM your name”**

**2.“I will SING your praise.”**

**3.“I will put my TRUST in Him.”**

**4.“I want you to see the children whom you GAVE me.”**

**How do you think you would feel if actually,  
you were a Jewish Christian,  
and you had just decided,  
to throw in the towel,  
with your heavenly Father,  
and forsake the family, and**

go back under Judaism,  
and you read something like this?

**The power of the argument is incredible!**

**Here is a Father who is showing their pictures  
around heaven, because He loves them,  
and they are part of the family.**

**v.14 Since then the children have shared blood and  
flesh, He Himself also in just the same way partook  
of the same, in order that through death He might  
render powerless the one who is having the power  
of death, that is, the devil;**

**"SINCE THEN THE CHILDREN HAVE SHARED BLOOD  
AND FLESH."**

**The word "SHARED" has the idea  
to have a share in common with someone else.**

**"HE HIMSELF ALSO, IN JUST THE SAME WAY,  
PARTOOK OF THE SAME"--That is, flesh and blood**

**The PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION is seen  
in the next phrase:**

**"IN ORDER THAT THROUGH DEATH (and what a cost) HE MIGHT RENDER POWERLESS THE ONE WHO IS HAVING THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL."**

**Satan's power is still in existence,  
but we are relieved of the necessary obligation,  
to obey him.**

**(31 Days of Praise: Enjoying God Anew by Ruth Myers)**

**As someone has put it, "It's a serious mistake  
to underestimate the power of Satan;  
it's a tragedy to overestimate it"-  
-or to be overly occupied with it.  
p. 142**

**(When Counseling Is Not Enough by J. Kirk Johnston)**

**"Years ago when I was just beginning pastoral ministry a very  
disturbed woman began attending our church. This woman  
was extremely angry about her lot in life, in particular, the**

husband she felt stuck with. She was also clinically depressed. I never saw her smile or laugh; her face was always expressionless. I counseled with her on a number of occasions and tried to encourage her to see a Christian psychiatrist, which I believe she did. But neither my efforts nor any one else's seemed to have any effect on her. Then one day she unexpectedly burst into my office. She was radiant! She was smiling from ear to ear. At first I was eager to learn what had changed, but after she told me what had transpired, I was reluctant to accept her explanation.

"The woman explained that she had been under tremendous demonic oppression for some time and that the previous night she had been released from Satan's bondage. She said her problems were now behind her, and she was praising God for her deliverance.

"As she relayed all this to me the woman could tell I was skeptical. I did not share her enthusiasm because I had little confidence in this so-called "deliverance." My response disappointed her a little, but I think she expected it. As she left, she encouraged me not to simply dismiss her account of what had happened to her—but I did.

"While I fully expected her to lapse back into depression in the days and weeks that followed, she never did. Finally she landed a job and moved with her family to another part of the city, and I never saw her again.

"As I reflect on this incident, I realize that I was like a lot of pastors and Christian counselors today. I believed that Satan is a real person and that he is waging war against God and His people. I also believed that Satan had deployed thousands of fallen angels to do his bidding and wreak havoc in this world. I did not believe, however, that Satan and his demons could be a serious threat to genuine believers, nor did I believe that satanic attacks were a common occurrence. I underestimated Satan's power and influence and assumed that when a believer was having problems they were due to

**sin, emotional trauma, or physical problems. I was wrong, and so are many pastors and counselors today who still view Satan as a minor or infrequent foe.”**

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## **Ephesians 6:12**

**For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

**v.15 and might release those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.**

**The word translated "RELEASE" here, is used of a wife who desired to be divorced, from a marriage contract.**

**It is a technical word for divorce.**

**We have been "RELEASED" here**

**“THROUGH THE FEAR OF DEATH,**

**WE WERE SUBJECT TO IT ALL OF OUR LIVES.”**

## THE LAST ENEMY

One Christian greatly feared dying. But the terrible death struggle he had anticipated never came. He died in his sleep so peacefully that those with him did not even realize he had left them. His sister remarked, "I believe that the Savior, knowing how much George dreaded dying, said to him, 'Come on home, George, there is nothing to fear. I will go with you through the valley.' So I believe he walked calmly, hand-in-hand with Jesus, into the Father's many mansions!"

J.B. Phillips says:

"Satan is a defeated and disarmed foe. His sword, 'the power of death,' has been torn from his grasp. No Christian need fear death, for Satan has been vanquished and death is one of the things God actually gives to His people" (1 Co 3:21-22)! What an unpleasant gift, we think. That's one gift we could do without. But look at it this way. As a young man in the British armed forces, I was one time assigned to work in a prisoner-of-war camp. The place was full of German officers and men, all behind barbed wire. Now, nobody in Britain wanted German prisoners of war, but we had them and at least they couldn't harm anyone. They had been defeated and disarmed and placed out of harm's way. It is the same with death! We may not want it, but it is one of God's gifts to us and it cannot harm us. It can only "promote us to glory," as the Salvationists



say.  
pp. 60-61

**v.16 For of course He is not giving help to angels  
but He is giving help to the offspring of Abraham.**

**The offspring of Abraham is all of us,  
we are the spiritual seed of Abraham,  
when we are born into God's family.**

**He went past the angels,  
he doesn't offer salvation to them,  
"BUT" is the contrast,  
and provided eternal salvation  
"TO THE OFFSPRING OF ABRAHAM" which is us!**

**v.17 Therefore, He was obligated to be made like His  
brethren in all things, in order that He might  
become a merciful and faithful high priest in things  
pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins  
of the people.**

**Faithful to God, merciful to us.  
We need mercy to have a relationship.  
He must be faithful to God to satisfy**

**the justice of God, on the other side of it.  
He is the bridge between us and God.**

**What does it mean to make propitiation?  
It means to pay a satisfactory price.**

**What He did on the cross satisfied  
all the requirements,  
all the debt has been paid,  
for the sins of the whole world.**

**The seal that the transaction is complete,  
the price has been paid, is Easter Sunday.  
The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
He is the propitiation.  
He is the satisfactory offering for sin.**

**Because He is, these are the four fabulous things  
that have happened:**

**1.RENDERED Satan powerless**

**2.He RELEASED us from the fear of death**

**3.He provided REDEMPTION, which is the price**

**4.He paid the RANSOM, to set us free**

**v.18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are being tempted.**

**When you think of the word TEMPTED  
what do you think of?**

**You guys all think of lust, or  
we think of greed or  
we think of some other thing, that we do.  
Our weakness is , we are tempted to sin.**

**We immediately think, temptation and sin.**

**But let's not think of that for just a minute  
as the primary meaning of it,  
let's put it into context.**

**When you are really having a hard time,  
what are you tempted to do?**

**Throw in the towel and go to the barn.**

**Escape the responsibility.**

**That's a temptation and that's exactly what these Hebrew Christians are tempted to do.**

**They want to forsake Christ and go back under Judaism, so they are being tempted to quit.**

**What is it that is tempting them?  
SUFFERING.**

**Listen to what F.B. Meyer says about temptation.**

**“F.B. Meyer, This is a life in which we are kept in time of temptation. You will be tempted till the end of your life and the nearer you live to Christ, the more you will be tempted. After Jesus had seen the open heaven, he was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil, the man who sees the heavenly vision is the man whom the devil will tempt to the uttermost. God will permit it because temptation does for us what the storms do for the oaks, it roots us and what the fire does for the painting on the porcelain, it makes it permanent. You never know that you have a grip on Christ or that he has a grip on you so well as when the devil is using all of his force to attract you from him, that you feel the pull of Christ's right hand. As long as the soldier slinks outside the battle he faces little danger but let him plunge in and follow the captain and he'll soon have the bullets flying all about him. Some of us have had a good time because there was no use in the devil wasting powder and shot upon us, we haven't been doing him any harm. Once be we begin to wake up and sit the work for God, the devil will send thousands of evils to worrying us. Children never break into an orchard when the apples are sour but always when they are ripe and juicy. One can know**

that a certain orchard contains good fruit by the raids the boys make on it. Similarly, if you are acrid and sour the devil will not worry you, there's nothing in you worth his attack. Just as soon as you have been in the summering of Christ's love and you got ripe, you'll suffer being tempted day and night for there will be something worth stealing. The nearer you get to Christ, the more you'll have to deal with temptation, the closer you get into the heart of the fight, the more the devil will torment you. People are sometimes heard to say, "I think I must be retreating in the Christian life, I'm so tempted", but the virulence of the temptation means not that you're declining in sin but that you are advancing in holiness and that the devil is afraid of you and hopes only to wound Christ by hurting you."

Yes, we are all	tempted	but we are coming
to one	who was tempted	in like manner,
and therefore	He can	nourish us.

### Jude 24, 25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

(In His Image by Dr. Paul Brand & Philip Yancey)

"Somehow, by drawing on the resources of Christ, I

become better equipped to meet temptation. Let me explain what happens, using the analogy of blood.

“Some years ago an epidemic of measles struck Vellore and one of my daughters had a severe attack. We knew she would recover, but our other infant daughter, Estelle, was dangerously vulnerable because of her age. When the pediatrician explained our need for convalescent serum, word went around Vellore that the Brands needed the "blood of an overcomer." We did not actually use those words, but we called for someone who had contracted measles and had overcome it. Serum from such a person would protect our little girl.

“It was no use finding somebody who had conquered chicken pox or had recovered from a broken leg. Such people, albeit healthy, could not give the specific help we needed to overcome measles.

We needed someone who had experienced measles and had defeated that disease. We located such a person, withdrew some of his blood, let the cells settle out, and injected the convalescent serum. Equipped with "borrowed" antibodies, our daughter fought off the disease successfully. The serum gave her body enough time to manufacture her own antibodies. She overcame measles not by her own resistance or vitality, but as a result of a battle that had taken place previously within someone else.

“There is a sense in which a person's blood becomes more valuable and potent as that person prevails in numerous battles with outside invaders. After antibodies have locked away the secret of defeating

each disease, a second infection of the same type will normally do no harm. A protected person has ‘wise blood,’ to use a term Flannery O'Connor originated. Could this process cast light on the description of Christ being ‘made perfect through suffering’ (Heb. 2:10)? Recall the just-quoted passage from Hebrews: ‘Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted’ (2:18). And again, ‘We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin’ (4:15).

“The blood of Jesus Christ has overcome. It is as if He went out of His way to expose Himself to temptation, to encounter the stress and strain you and I will meet—to gain wise blood for our benefit. Beginning with His personal struggle with Satan in the wilderness, Jesus declined to use naked power to overcome temptations toward success, power, and an escape from the limitations of humanity.

“In the Garden of Gethsemane those temptations put Him to the ultimate test, but ‘for the joy set before him [he] endured the cross, scorning its shame’ (Heb. 12:2).

Today, when we partake of Communion wine, it is as though our Lord is saying to us, This is My blood, which has been strengthened and prepared for you. This is My life which was lived for you and can now be shared by you. I was tired, frustrated, tempted, abandoned; tomorrow you may feel tired, frustrated, tempted, or abandoned. When you do, you may use My

**strength and share My spirit. I have overcome the world for you.”**

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### **CONCLUSION:**

**What are some of the lessons that we can learn from this particular study?**

**LESSON #1: It was fitting in the Father's plan for the Son to pay for our sins with His life.**

**LESSON #2: God matures and perfects us through suffering.**

**LESSON #3: Jesus Christ is our POINT MAN, our CHAMPION, our FILE LEADER.**

**LESSON #4: "HE IS NOT ASHAMED TO BE CALLING THEM BRETHREN."**

**LESSON #5: Through His death, Jesus Christ rendered Satan powerless.**

**LESSON #6: He has provided a release through His resurrection.**

**LESSON #7: He stepped past fallen angels and came to fallen man to provide eternal salvation.**

**LESSON #8: He is a "MERCIFUL AND FAITHFUL**



**HIGH PRIEST."**

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**LESSON #10: "HE IS ABLE TO COME TO THE AID OF THOSE WHO ARE BEING TEMPTED.**

# **STUDIES IN THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS**

## **PART I**

### **STUDY NUMBER THREE - Hebrews 2:10-18**

**v.10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the originator of their salvation through sufferings.

**v.11** For both He who is sanctifying and those who are being sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to be calling them brethren,

**v.12** saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brethren, in the midst of the church I will sing your praise."

**v.13** And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children whom God gave me."

**v.14** Since then the children have shared blood and flesh, He Himself also in just the same way partook of the same, in order that through death He might render powerless the one who is having the power of death, that is, the devil;

**v.15** and might release those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

**v.16** For of course He is not giving help to angels but He is giving help to the offspring of Abraham.

**v.17** Therefore, He was obligated to be made like His brethren in all things, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

**v.18** For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are being tempted.

## **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Read Hebrews 2:10-18 and summarize in your own words what Paul is saying in this section.**
- 2. To whom is Paul referring in verse 10?**
- 3. What was fitting for the Lord Jesus Christ, according to verse 10?**
- 4. What did Jesus do, according to verse 14?**
- 5. Who did Jesus come to release, according to verse 15?**
- 6. To whom is He giving help, according to verse 16?**
- 7. Why was He obligated to be made like His brethren in all things, according to verse 17?**
- 8. What is Jesus able to do, according to verse 18?**
- 9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?**
- 10. What lesson have you learned from this study?**

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