



Living in the in-between (Heb 2)

Summary of Hebrews 2

- Jesus was the creator of the angels, then took on the form of man, a little lower than the angels.
 - All things are under Jesus' authority, but we don't see the reality of that yet.
 - Only by being made as a man could Jesus take our penalty of sin, which was death.
 - Jesus' death breaks the power of death, and frees us from the fear of death
 - He calls us brothers and sisters, and can go between us and God
 - He can sympathize with us and help us when we are tested
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Pay attention to Jesus, the Truth

Heb 2:1 So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. 2 For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. 3 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? 4 And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.



Acts 17:30 “God overlooked people’s ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. 31 For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.”



Point 1.

We can have confidence in Christ as our savior because he was God himself announcing the truth, and he proved it by rising from the dead.

Jesus, the Man, the Founder

Heb 1:4 This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.



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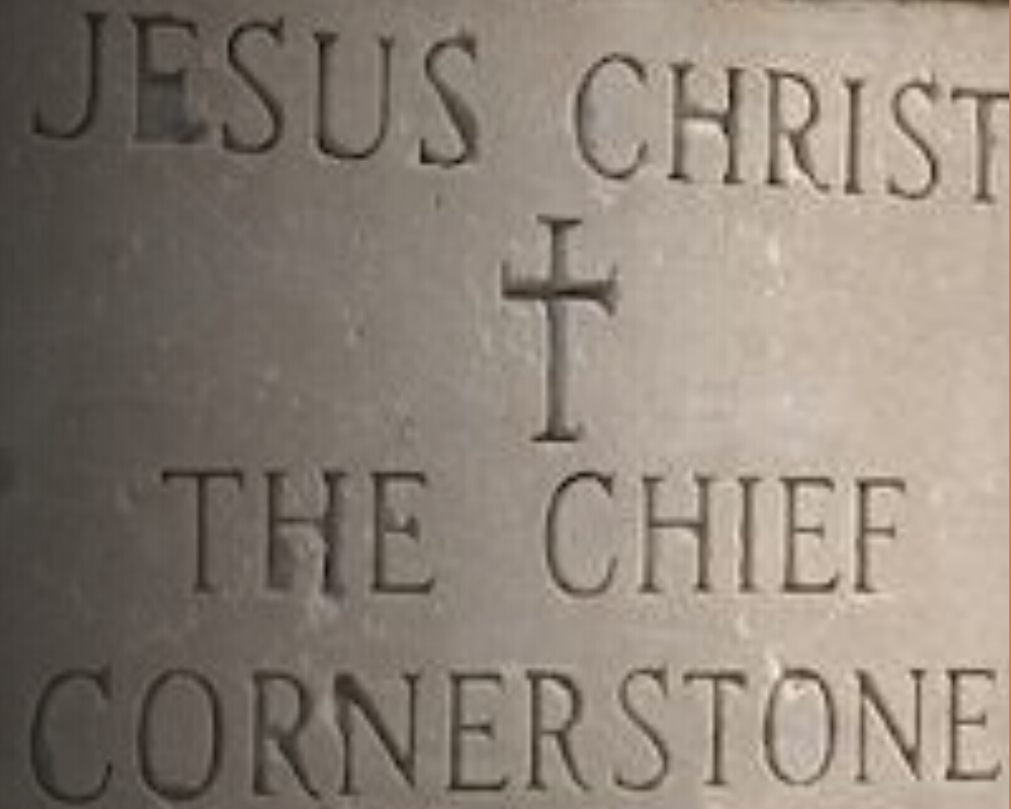
Heb 2:5 And furthermore, it is not angels who will control the future world we are talking about. 6 For in one place the Scriptures say, “What are mere mortals that you should think about them, or a son of man that you should care for him?

7 Yet for a little while you made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 8 You gave them authority over all things.”



Jesus, the Man, the Founder

Heb 2:8b Now when it says “all things,” it means nothing is left out. But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority. 9 What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position “a little lower than the angels”; and because he suffered death for us, he is now “crowned with glory and honor.” Yes, by God’s grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone. 10 God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.

A photograph of a stone inscription, likely a cornerstone, with the words "JESUS CHRIST" and "THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE" carved into it. A simple cross symbol is carved between the two lines of text. The stone is light-colored and shows signs of weathering.

JESUS CHRIST
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THE CHIEF
CORNERSTONE

1. Jesus was given all authority because he died for us.

Mat 28:18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Php 2:7-11 When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A pair of hands, one light-skinned and one dark-skinned, are gently cupping a small, cracked, and dusty globe of the Earth. The globe is covered in a layer of grey dust and has visible cracks across its surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. The entire image is framed by a white, hand-drawn style border.

2. But we do not see
everything under his
authority yet.

3. Jesus has made the way for us to have complete fulfillment of our salvation.

*10 God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, **a perfect leader**, fit to bring them into their salvation.*

- Archegon – archetype, perfect leader, pioneer, founder, author, captain, trail-blazer



Point 2.

Jesus is the founder of our faith, the one who both opened the way for salvation for us and actively leads us in completing the mission of salvation.

Jesus, our Brother

Heb 2:11 So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. 12 For he said to God, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people.”

13 He also said, “I will put my trust in him,” that is, “I and the children God has given me.”

Jesus, our Brother

*Heb 2:14 Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who **had** the power of death. 15 Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.*

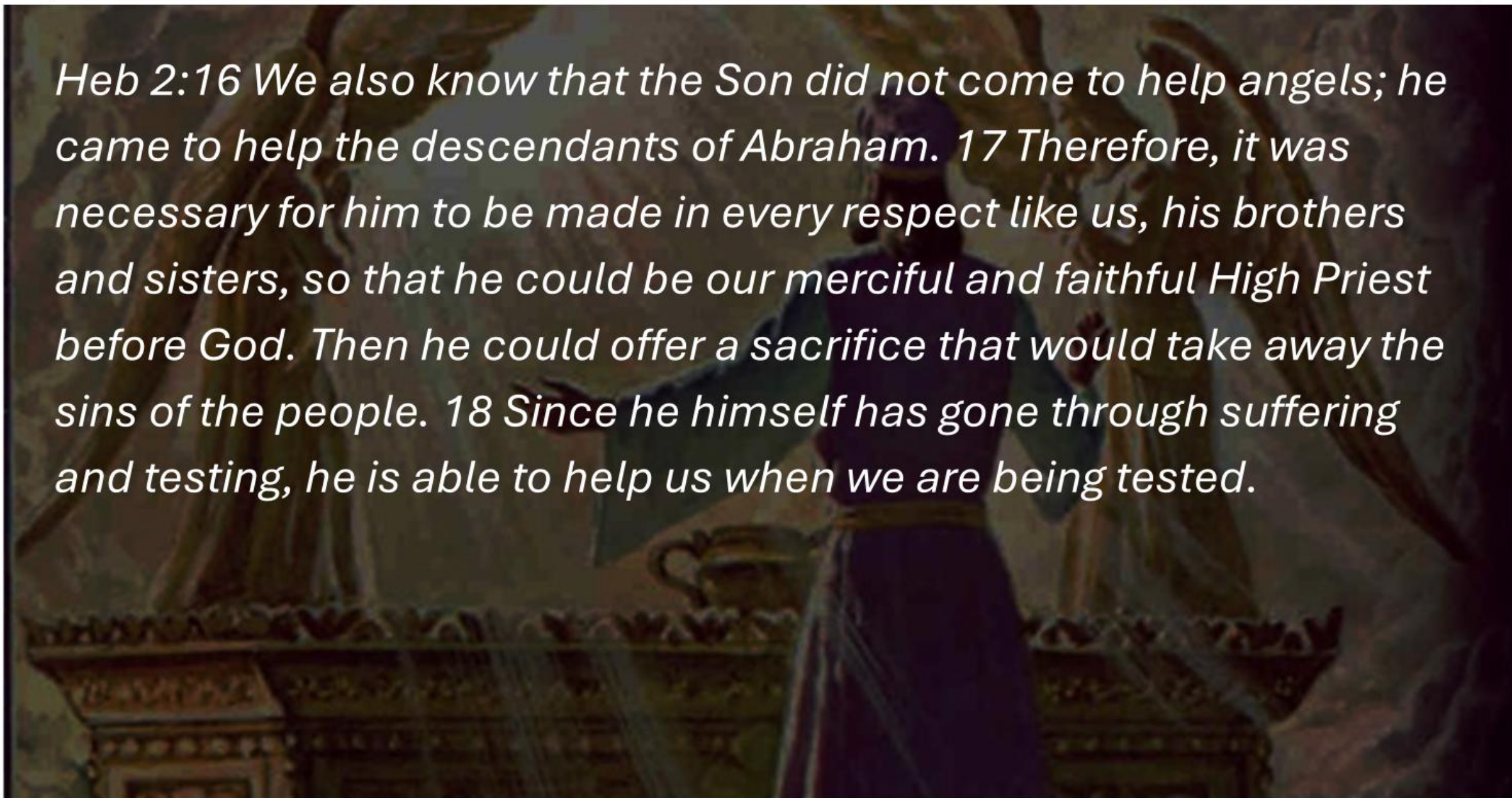
JUSTICE & MERCY

WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?



Jesus, our Brother

Heb 2:16 We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. 18 Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.





Point 3.

Jesus can lead us
with mercy and
compassion because
he knows what it is
like to be human

Living in the in-between



Not only are our sins forgiven.

Not only do we no longer fear death.

Not only do we look forward to future perfection.

We have a perfect friend to walk with us in this life.