

## Lecture 5 – Hebrews 2: Jesus our Empathetic Hero

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
 You have set your glory above the heavens.  
 From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies,  
 to silence the foe and the avenger.  
 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
 the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
 What is man that you are mindful of him,  
 the son of man that you care for him?  
 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
 and crowned him with glory and honor.  
 You made him ruler over the works of your hands;  
 you put everything under his feet:  
 All flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,  
 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
 All that swim the paths of the seas.  
 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*  
 Psalm 8

### Key Terms

Christians in a hostile world, Jesus & mankind, hero, champion

### Lecture Objectives

- Identify and describe, with a brief outline from Hebrews 2, the relationship between Jesus and mankind
- Consider implications of this relationship, especially “Jesus as Champion,” for our daily Christian life and ministry

### Preliminary Questions

- How would you simply describe our culture’s understanding of heroism? A champion? How do such people function in a given society?
- Thinking biblically, what are some strengths of our culture’s view? What are some weaknesses?

## Hebrews 2: Jesus our Empathetic Hero

### I. Introduction

- A. The issue: What do you say to Christians who feel defenseless in a hostile world?
- B. Look at Jesus (chapter 1)
- C. Jesus looks at us (Christology)
  1. Jesus is human, hence empathetic
  2. Jesus is divine, hence heroic

How does “looking at Jesus” help Christians who feel defenseless? How do you respond to the accusation that it is simply “pie in the sky” Christianity?

### II. Analysis of 2:5-18

- A. Themes and language
  1. Angels and people
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Language of subjection/subordination

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Jesus and the role of mankind on earth, 2:5-9 (Psalm 8)

1. Mankind:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

2. We do not see that; we do see Jesus

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. God left nothing that is not subject to Him

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

C. He brings many sons to glory with Him, 10-16:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

- The passage is about Jesus, the true man and His reconstitution of mankind.

III. Jesus our Empathetic Hero (2:10-15)

A. Jesus as hero

1. “Author of their salvation”:

2. He shared our humanity to bring us to glory

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Jesus as champion

1. Champion concept

2. Champion motif in Bible

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Jesus as champion in Gospels

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. The strange form of His final victory

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

In what ways does the “strange form” of Jesus victory as our champion force us to reconsider our understanding of Champion? How might that changed understanding affect our relationships?