

DISCUSSION IDEAS
A LITTLE WHILE LOWER

HEBREWS 2:5-9

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Background thought: Why did God the Son add Human nature to His Divine nature?

In Hebrews 1:2-4 we have seen Jesus' exaltation. Why was Jesus exalted?

What is stated in that passage about His current status and work?

Now read Hebrews 2:5-8.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: JESUS THE KING – OF WHAT?**

What does Heb. 1:8 say about Jesus reign as King?

Remember talking about the importance that the Jews (and many others as well) place on angels? What point is the preacher making in Heb. 2:5?

What limitation is stated in 1:13 and 2:8 about Jesus' reign?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: WHO WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO RULE THE EARTH?**

Read Heb. 2:6-8, and then compare that to Psalm 8:3-8.

To whom was David referring in Psalm 8? [HINT: Not to Jesus!]

Compare Genesis 1:26-28. Who was intended to rule?

Why is that not the case now?

Jesus has restored our relationship with the Father, but what else is He going to restore?

If God intended Man to rule, how does Jesus' becoming a human fit into all this? Refer to Rom. 5:14 and 1 Cor. 15:45.

How does Psalm 8 now apply to Jesus as well?

NOW: How does the statement of Hebrews 2:7a make sense? Read again Heb. 1:3-13.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: WHAT IS THE GUARANTEE THAT JESUS WILL IN FACT RULE ON EARTH?**

"Psalm 8 anticipated that the Son would

"1) be made for a little while lower than the angels,

"2) be crowned with glory and honor and

"3) have everything put in subjection under his feet.

"Have any of these things come to pass?"¹

Going back to what we have previously studied, how have items 1 and 2 been fulfilled?

What confidence do these fulfillments give us about item 3?

¹ From Feb. 1st message.

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♦ **REFLECTION:**

Jesus' Incarnation and Exaltation is the guarantee of His Reign.

Through Jesus, God will restore to mankind the glory and honor of dominion over the Earth.

Consider how gracious and loving God is to restore to us what we lost by our sin and disobedience.

**Since your future is vastly more than “go to heaven when you die”, and since God will restore to you the glory and honor of dominion over His creation in the Millennial Kingdom,
how does that spur you to faithfulness and obedience to Jesus?**