

## **JESUS OUR BROTHER: The Humanity of God**

### Hebrews 2:5-18

#### **I. The Humility of God (5-9, 11; Phil 2:5-8)**

**A. Laid Aside His Glory** (Phil 2:6-7)—rank, status, privileges of God; “lowered” himself.

**B. Became a Mortal Man** (Ps 8; Jn 1:14; Phil 2:7-8)—truly human

1. **Born of a Woman** (Gal 4:4)

2. **Suffered as a Human** (Isa 53:2-3)—everything common to humans

a. **Physical Limitations**

b. **Emotional Pain**

c. **Environmental Oppression**

3. **Died as a Criminal** (Isa 53)—shameful, painful death; ultimate weakness

**C. Not Ashamed to Call Us Family** (11)—willing to claim, acknowledge and associate with us

#### **II. The Condition of Humanity (Gen 3)—since Adam’s Fall**

**A. Shame** (Gen 2:25 & 3:7, 10)—painful feeling of humiliation, don’t measure up

**B. Fear** (Gen 3:8-10)—subjects us to bondage, inhibits life

1. **Of Punishment** (Gen 2:16-17)

2. **Of Death** (Gen 2:17)

**C. Suffering** (Gen 3:16-19)—frustration, grief, sickness, pain, oppression, etc.

### III. **The Comfort of Our Faith** (Rom 8:1; 1 Jn 4:18)—

A. **No Shame** (11)—relational restoration, peace with God

B. **No Fear** (9, 14-15)

#### 1. **Of Death**

a. **Not Punishment** —Jesus atoned, paid the debt, suffered penalty

b. **Not Permanent** —Jesus conquered death; resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

2. **Of the Devil** (1 Jn 3:8)—Jesus delivers us from devil's tyranny

C. **Real Life** (Jn 10:10)—abundant, eternal

1. **Freedom** (Jn 8:36)—fear is how the devil keeps us in bondage

2. **God's Favor** (Gen 12:2; Rom 8:31, 38-39; )—secure; He is with & for us

### IV. **The Perfection of Our Savior**—uniquely qualified

A. **Fully Man** (Heb 2:11–17)—able to represent humanity (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam),

B. **Fully God** (Gen 22:14; Heb 1:3, 6-12)—able to save, only He can afford to pay

C. **Suffering Servant** (Isa 53)—the nature of the Messiah's job

1. **Redemptive Suffering** (2:9, 17)—He suffered FOR us

2. **Empathetic Suffering** (2:17; Isa 53:3)—He suffered WITH us.  
He feels our pain, understands

D. **Able to Help** (18)—when we are tempted

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