

# The Dominion of Man

Sermon 5 in the Hebrews Series

## Hebrews 2:5-9

Chapter 1 shows the superiority of Christ – specifically to Angels – and in reality to all created things – because of His deity.

Here in Chapter 2 we find two parallel themes running:

- the superiority of man to all other created things
- the superiority of Christ as the perfect man

Death is a key word in this chapter.

Death is an enemy – but through death Christ moves from his time of humiliation to his eternal exaltation in his resurrection and glorification.

### I. The Dignity of Man 2:5-8

In evolutionary thinking, man is not inherently better than an animal.

#### 1. Angels were not made to rule this earth, they do not rule, and they will not rule. v. 5

oikoumenen tev mellousan  
(the habitable world which is to come)

**1:13** – A Man began to reign after the resurrection.  
And He is reigning -- Jesus Christ is LORD.

#### 2. All in Subjection to man.

We learn something from the Book of Hebrews that we would not have known otherwise.

None of the Jewish Doctors considered Psalm 8 to be a Messianic Psalm.

## **II. The Dignity of Man in Psalm 8**

1. The first intimation of Jesus Christ in this Psalm v. 1-2  
Christ references this Psalm to Himself in Matt. 21:16
2. The Wonder of God's love 3-8  
Three themes:
  - 1) What is man?
  - 2) God has given man dominion.
  - 3) Leads us back to the majesty of God.
3. v. 5—"you made him a little lower than the angels."  
This is not a reference to the fact that Adam was inferior to angels at his creation.

John Brown says, "*The word "made lower" does not signify to be created originally in a lower condition, but it signifies to be brought down from a higher station to a lower*".

The result of Adam's fall – death.  
Angels do not die – but they also are not redeemed.

## **III. Man, and Christ as the True Man 6-9**

We see Jesus – crowned with glory and honor.  
There is a man on the throne of the universe.

He wasn't glorified as God.  
He has been crowned with glory and honor – as a man