

Hebrews 2:5-8

What is Man?

The writer now moves to answer the obvious objection to the idea that Messiah, a man, could be above the angels. That He could rule and reign when the angels were (in their mind) the highest of God's creation. To do this he uses the Old Testament, specifically Psalm 8. In answering this objection, he also points out that while Messiah is more than man, being the God-Man, there is also indication in the OT that mankind is to be above the angels in the world to come.

I. WHAT IS MAN?

Consider Psalm 8. here is wonder upon wonder. The God who created all things gives consideration to us. He knows us, He loves us, He cares for us. So what is man, the Hebrew word here is "enosh" it means frail and fallen

a. At creation

- i. In God's Image
 - ii. Made for dominion
 - iii. Expression of God's glory
 - iv. In harmony with God
 - v. Made for worship and communion
- b. Fallen
- i. Still image bearers but now seeking to replace God, to remake Him in ours
 - ii. Cut off from God, cut off from His promises
 - iii. Spiritually dead

Ephesians 2.1

- iv. Seeking to exercise dominance and control
- v. Denying God's glory, seeking to display ours

vi. In rebellion against God, denying His existence and hating Him

vii. Worship self, isolation, loneliness

c. In Christ

i. Restored to full fellowship with God

Romans 5.1

ii. completed image of Christ, Who is the image of God

Romans 8.28-29

John 14.9

iii. Under Christ, reign with Him

2 Tim 2.11-13

iv. Delighting in the Glory of Christ, Seeking to magnify Him and the Father - actually taking part in the active display of God's infinite glory

Ephesians 3

v. Adopted as sons

Romans 8.14 – 17

vi. Will judge the angels

1 Cor 6.1 -3

vii. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

II. WHAT IS THE SON OF MAN?

Broadens the scope while narrowing the focus. There is a double meaning given, the son of man is first a diminutive, "little man" bringing even more wonder to the fact that God considers and cares for us... but we also know that Son of Man is one of Jesus' favorite names for Himself

a. The second person of the Godhead

- b. God made flesh - made lower, brought down from His high position, temporarily
 - i. His humiliation is the pathway to His exaltation

Isaiah 53.10-12

Ephesians 4.10

- ii. Suffering and sorrow are the way to glory and honor

Philippians 2.10

- iii. God was mindful of Christ during all His sojourn among man, "this is my beloved Son in Whom I am Well Pleased!"

c. The Redeemer of His own

d. The second Adam

e. The risen Savior

f. The exalted and reigning Holy One

g. The judge of all the earth

2 Corinthians 5.9-11

III. WHAT IS PUT UNDER HIS FEET?

Everything!

1 Corinthians 15.20-28

Ephesians 1.15-23

a. The world that now is

b. The world to come

c. The angelic host

d. The dominion of all things, He is now seated at the right hand of the Father