

Hebrews 2:14-18

Hebrews 2:14 – “Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

1893 [e]	3767 [e]	3588 [e]	3813 [e]	2841 [e]	129 [e]	2532 [e]	4561 [e]	2532 [e]	846 [e]	
Epei	oun	ta	paidia	kekoinōnēken	haimatos	kai	sarkos	kai	autos	
14	Ἐπεὶ οὖν	τὰ	παιδιά	κεκοινώνηκεν	αἵματος	καὶ	σαρκός	καὶ	, αὐτὸς	
	Since	therefore	the	children	have partaken	of blood	and	of flesh	also He	
	Conj	Conj	Art-NNP	N-NNP	V-RIA-3S	N-GNS	Conj	N-GFS	Conj	PPro-NM3S

3898 [e]	3348 [e]	3588 [e]	846 [e]	2443 [e]	1223 [e]	3588 [e]	2288 [e]	2673 [e]	3588 [e]
paraplēsiōs	meteschen	tōn	autōn	hina	dia	tou	thanatou	katargēsē	ton
παραπλησίως	μετέσχεν	τῶν	αὐτῶν	, ἵνα	διὰ	τοῦ	θανάτου	, καταργήσῃ	τὸν
likewise	took part in	the	same things	so that	through	[His]	death	He might destroy	the [one]
Adv	V-AIA-3S	Art-GNP	PPro-GN3P	Conj	Prep	Art-GMS	N-GMS	V-ASA-3S	Art-AMS

3588 [e]	2904 [e]	2192 [e]	3588 [e]	2288 [e]	3778 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	1228 [e]
to	kratos	echonta	tou	thanatou	tout'	estin	ton	diabolon
τὸ	κράτος	ἔχοντα	τοῦ	θανάτου	, τοῦτ'	ἔστιν	, τὸν	διάβολον
the	power	holding	-	of death	that	is	the	devil
Art-ANS	N-ANS	V-PPA-AMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	DPro-NNS	V-PIA-3S	Art-AMS	Adj-AMS

1. Jesus shares flesh and blood with humans, and thus, with believers (or, “the children”)
 - a. Actual order in the Greek is “blood and flesh”
 - b. This is also used in the reverse order in Ephesians 6:12 to distinguish between humans and spiritual forces:

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”
 - c. Interestingly spiritual forces are going to be mentioned twice by the writer of Hebrews:
 - i. The Devil (2:14)
 - ii. Angels (2:16)
 - d. Jesus took part in the same things as “blood and flesh”
 - i. Birth
 - ii. Growing up
 - iii. Learning
 - iv. Daily life
 - v. DEATH
2. It was only with “blood and flesh” that Jesus could access death.
 - a. Spiritual forces do not die. Instead, they are sent to:
 - i. the Abyss,
 - ii. Tartarus
 - iii. Bottomless pit

iv. Lake of Fire

- b. Only “blood and flesh” have to face death and be taken captive by death.
3. The spiritual forces hold the fate of death (“power”) over “blood and flesh” in an attempt to manipulate and control them.
 4. The devil does not cause death or control death. The Lord does. But, the devil can use this ultimate fate as a source of fear in humanity.
 - a. Job 2:6 – “And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.”
 - b. Luke 12:5 – “But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!
 5. Jesus, by dying and being resurrected, destroyed any fear that comes with the ultimate fate of death for “the children” or believers.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 15:26 – “The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”
 - b. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 – “When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:
“Death is swallowed up in victory.”
“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
 - c. Revelation 1:18 – “I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”
 - d. Luke 11:21 – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”
 - e. 1 John 3:8 – “Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”

2:15 – “and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.”

2532 [e]	525 [e]	3778 [e]	3745 [e]	5401 [e]	2288 [e]	1223 [e]	3956 [e]	3588 [e]	2198 [e]	1777 [e]
kai	apallaxē	toutous	hosoi	phobō	thanatou	dia	pantos	tou	zēn	enochoi
15 και	ἀπαλλάξει	τούτους	ὅσοι	φόβῳ	θανάτου	διὰ	παντὸς	τοῦ	ζῆν	, ἔνοχοι
and	might set free	those	who	fear	of death	through	all	[their time]	to live	subject
Conj	V-ASA-3S	DPro-AMP	RelPro-NMP	N-DMS	N-GMS	Prep	Adj-GNS	Art-GNS	V-PNA	Adj-NMP

1510 [e]	1397 [e]
ēsan	douleias
ἦσαν	δουλείας .
were	to slavery
V-IIA-3P	N-GFS

2:16 – “For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.”

3756 [e]	1063 [e]	1211 [e]	4226 [e]	32 [e]	1949 [e]	235 [e]	4690 [e]	11 [e]	1949 [e]		
Ou	gar	dē	pou	angelōn	epilambanetai	alla	spermatos	Abraam	epilambanetai		
16	Οὐ	γὰρ	δί-που	ἀγγέλων	ἐπιλαμβάνεται	,	ἀλλὰ	σπέρματος	Ἀβραὰμ	ἐπιλαμβάνεται	.
	Not	for	surely in that place	[the] angels	He helps		but	[the] seed	of Abraham	He helps	
	Adv	Conj	Prtcl Adv	N-GMP	V-PIM/P-3S		Conj	N-GNS	N-GMS	V-PIM/P-3S	

2:17 – “Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”

3606 [e]	3784 [e]	2596 [e]	3956 [e]	3588 [e]	80 [e]	3666 [e]	2443 [e]	1655 [e]		
hothen	ōpheilen	kata	panta	tois	adelphois	homoiōthēnai	hina	eleēmōn		
17	ὅθεν	ὤφειλεν	κατὰ	πάντα	τοῖς	ἀδελφοῖς	ὁμοιωθῆναι	,	ἵνα	ἐλεήμων
	Therefore	it behooved [Him]	in	all things	[His]	brothers	to be made like		so that	a merciful
	Conj	V-IIA-3S	Prep	Adj-ANP	Art-DMP	N-DMP	V-ANP		Conj	Adj-NMS

1096 [e]	2532 [e]	4103 [e]	749 [e]	3588 [e]	4314 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]			
genētai	kai	pistos	archieus	ta	pros	ton	Theon	eis	to			
γένηται	,	καὶ	πιστὸς	,	ἀρχιερεὺς	τὰ	πρὸς	τὸν	Θεόν	,	εἰς	τὸ
He might become	and	faithful	high priest	[in] things	relating to	-	God	in order	-			
V-ASM-3S	Conj	Adj-NMS	N-NMS	Art-ANP	Prep	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Prep	Art-ANS			

2433 [e]	3588 [e]	266 [e]	3588 [e]	2992 [e]
hilaskesthai	tas	hamartias	tou	laou
ἰλάσκεσθαι	τὰς	ἁμαρτίας	τοῦ	λαοῦ
to make propitiation for	the	sins	of the	people
V-PNM/P	Art-AFP	N-AFP	Art-GMS	N-GMS

2:18 – “For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

1722 [e]	3739 [e]	1063 [e]	3958 [e]	846 [e]	3985 [e]	1410 [e]	3588 [e]	3985 [e]	997 [e]				
en	hō	gar	peponthen	autos	peirastheis	dynatai	tois	peirazomenois	boēthēsai				
18	ἐν	ὧ	γὰρ	πέπονθεν	αὐτὸς	,	πειρασθεῖς	,	δύναται	τοῖς	πειραζομένοις	βοηθῆσαι	.
	In	that	for	has suffered	He Himself	having been tempted	He is able	those	being tempted	to help			
	Prep	RelPro-DNS	Conj	V-RIA-3S	PPro-NM3S	V-APP-NMS	V-PIM/P-3S	Art-DMP	V-PPM/P-DMP	V-ANA			