

Hebrews 2:5-18

v5 – angels	(noun)	heavenly beings who serve as messenger and servants of God
v5 – subjected	(verb)	put under the authority and control of another
v6 – testified	(verb)	gave a statement about what they know of a situation
v6 – mindful	(adjective)	considerate about; thoughtful and aware about
v7 – crowned	(verb)	placed a crown on someone’s head in order to honour them
v7 – glory	(noun)	greatness, beauty, majesty
v9 – grace	(noun)	kindness towards someone who doesn’t deserve it
v10 – pioneer	(noun)	the first person to be do an activity that no one has ever done before
v10 – salvation	(noun)	the act of saving someone from harm
v11 – holy	(adjective)	perfect; set apart for God’s purpose
v12 – declare	(verb)	firmly and deliberately say that something is true
v14 – flesh	(noun)	the soft parts of the body (muscles, skin etc)
v14 – humanity	(noun)	the quality of being human
v14 – the devil	(noun)	the enemy of God and his people; Satan
v15 – slavery	(noun)	the state of being owned by someone else and being forced to do whatever your owner wants you to do
v16 – descendants	(noun)	people in later generations of your family who are related to you
v17 – merciful	(adjective)	showing kindness and forgiveness to someone who has wronged you and deserves to be punished
v17 – faithful	(adjective)	trustworthy, reliable
v17 – high priest	(noun)	In the Old Testament, the high priest was the leader of the priests. He went into the inner-most part of the temple once a year to offer sacrifices for God’s people. This special sacrifice turned away God’s anger and allowed God’s people to continue to live in relationship with God.
v17 – atonement	(noun)	the act of turning away anger so that a relationship can be restored
v18 – tempted	(verb)	made to want to do something that is against God’s instructions

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⁵ God has not put angels in charge of the world that is going to come. We are talking about that world. ⁶ There is a place where someone has spoken about this. He said,

“What are human beings that you think about them?
What is a son of man that you take care of him?”

⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels.
You placed on them a crown of glory and honor.

⁸ You have put everything under their control.”

So God has put everything under his Son. Everything is under his control. We do not now see everything under his control. ⁹ But we do see Jesus already given a crown of glory and honor. He was made lower than the angels for a little while. He suffered death. By the grace of God, he tasted death for everyone. That is why he was given his crown.

¹⁰ God has made everything. He is now bringing his many sons and daughters to share in his glory. It is only right that Jesus is the one to lead them into their salvation. That’s because God made him perfect by his sufferings. ¹¹ And Jesus, who makes people holy, and the people he makes holy belong to the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

"I will announce your name to my brothers and sisters.
I will sing your praises among those who worship you."

¹³ Again he says,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again he says,

"Here I am. Here are the children God has given me."

¹⁴ Those children have bodies made out of flesh and blood. So Jesus became human like them in order to die for them. By doing this, he could break the power of the devil. The devil is the one who rules over the kingdom of death. ¹⁵ Jesus could set people free who were afraid of death. All their lives they were held as slaves by that fear. ¹⁶ It is certainly Abraham's children that he helps. He doesn't help angels. ¹⁷ So he had to be made like people, fully human in every way. Then he could serve God as a kind and faithful high priest. And then he could pay for the sins of the people by dying for them. ¹⁸ He himself suffered when he was tempted. Now he is able to help others who are being tempted.