

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for December 15, 2013

Christ is Superior to the Angels
Hebrews 2:8-9

The author of the Book of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the Old Testament prophets in Hebrews 1:1-4.

The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the angels in Hebrews 1:5-2:18.

The author of Hebrews explained Christ's superiority to the angels in Hebrews 1:5-14.

After the author had explained the superiority of Christ to the angels he then sounded a warning in Hebrews 2:1-4.

Christ's superiority to angels is not contradicted by His humanity (Hebrews 2:5-9).

What do we learn about God's intentions for man in Hebrews 2:5-9?

God's ultimate intention was not for angels to rule over man but for man to rule over angels (Hebrews 2:5).

God's ultimate intention for man is in accord with God's original intention for man (Hebrews 2:6-8).

God's original intention, as well as His ultimate intention for man, is achieved in Christ (Hebrews 2:8-9).

Though God intended for everything to be subject to man, because of the sin of Adam, God's original intention for man cannot be presently seen (Hebrews 2:8).

Though the sin of Adam has put God's original intention for man on hold, there is still hope for us in Christ.

Because Jesus was made for a little while lower than the angels, He was then able to suffer death, and because He was willing to suffer death, His Father crowned Him with glory and honor (Hebrews 2:9 ff.; Philippians 2:5-10).

Because God crowned Jesus with glory and honor He is now presently enjoying what was originally intended for man.

Because Jesus tasted death for everyone, it makes it possible for any person through faith in Christ to achieve God's original and ultimate intention for man in Christ.

May God give us the grace in the midst of this present world's difficulties to persevere with hope knowing that God's original and ultimate intention for man will be achieved in Christ.

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