

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for December 22, 2013

Christ is Superior to the Angels
Hebrews 2:10

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).

Christ's superiority to angels is not contradicted by His sufferings (Hebrews 2:10-18).

Christ's sufferings were necessary to complete His identification with humanity (Hebrews 2:10-13).

The author, in seeking to communicate that Christ's sufferings were necessary to complete His identification with man, began by communicating to his readers the appropriateness of Christ's sufferings (Hebrews 2:10).

Writers and speakers in the ancient world utilized the word "fitting" (EPREPEN) to communicate that which was "appropriate" or "suitable" (Ephesians 5:3; 1 Timothy 2:10; Titus 2:1).

In Hebrews 2:10 the author proclaimed that what God the Father did when He allowed and even purposed His Son to suffer was in perfect alignment with who He is.

God's purpose in having orchestrated Christ's suffering, or in other words, His death was to bring many sons to glory.

The term "sons" constitutes a reference to the people of God, or in other words, to those who will inherit salvation and not to humanity in general (cf. Hebrews 1:14).

The word "perfect" (TELEIOSAI) typically means "complete, whole or adequate."

God the Father perfected Christ through sufferings only in the sense that God the Father, through the sufferings of Christ, brought His plan for Christ to completion.

The expression “author of salvation” points to Christ and how He became the source of salvation through what He suffered.

May God give us the grace to be filled with thanksgiving when we reflect on the fact that our place on the glory train was secured for us by God through the death of His Son.