





The Good News

- **Hebrews 1:1** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers in the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us in a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.



Our Charge

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:1** For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, ⁴ God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.



Our Hope

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.
 - KJV: captain
 - 1) strictly *one who goes first on the path; hence leader, prince, pioneer*
 - 2) as one who causes something to begin *originator, founder, initiator*



Many Sons – Children of God

- ^{NAS} **John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 6:17** "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you. ¹⁸"And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.
- ^{NAS} **1 John 3:1** See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are ...



Many Sons – Heirs of the Promise

- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 2:16** For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants [seed].
- ^{NAS} **Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring [seed], heirs according to promise.
- ^{ESV} **Ephesians 3:6** This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
- ^{ESV} **Titus 3:7** so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



Many Sons – Destined for Glory

- ^{NAS} **Romans 8:16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.
- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
- ^{NAS} **2 Peter 1:4** For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature
- ^{NAS} **1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.



The Captain – One of Us

- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 2:5** It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? ⁷ You made him a little lower than the angels ...
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:9** But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, Jesus ...
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:14** Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same...
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:17** Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things ...



The Captain – Our Pioneer

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:18** For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.
 - *Our pioneer in life.*
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:9** ... Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.
 - *Our pioneer in death.*



The Captain – Our Liberator

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:14** Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; ¹⁵ and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.
 - *Liberated from sin, the devil, and death*
- ^{NAS} **James 4:7** Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- ^{NAS} **1 Corinthians 15:55** "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ^{NIV} **John 8:36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.



The Captain – Our High Priest

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:17** Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
➤ *propitiation, expiation, purification*
- ^{NAS} **Romans 5:9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
- ^{NIV} **John 1:29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
- ^{NIV} **1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin...⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



The Captain – Declared Victorious

- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 2:7** ... you crowned him with glory and honor⁸ and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 1:1** Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,² which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,⁴ who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Jesus – Name Above All Names

- ^{NAS} **Philippians 2:5** Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.





The Paradox of the Cross

- “The Jews expected the Messiah to be an earthly, conquering king—a political success story, not a failure. They would naturally ask, if Jesus is superior to the angels—indeed, a divine Being, as portrayed in ch. 1—why did He die, especially in such a degrading way? Hebrews answers that Christ’s humiliation is only temporary (v. 9), it is the only means of redeeming mortal man (vv. 14-16), and it re-establishes man’s God-intended dominion over all creation, including the angels (vv. 5-8). ... Made a little lower than the angels refers to the Incarnation, the Son becoming Man. Christ’s suffering and death have highly exalted Him. The Cross, which should have brought shame and reproach, has brought Christ glory and honor. All of this is not something God has owed to man; it is by the grace of God, His gift.”

➤ *The Orthodox Study Bible*



Conclusion



Jesus – Our Exalted Captain

- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 2:7** ... you crowned him with glory and honor⁸ and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 1:3** And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- ^{NAS} **1 Timothy 3:16** And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Beheld by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.



- ^{ESV} **Ephesians 1:20** ... when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, ... ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,
- ^{NAS} **1 Peter 3:18** For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit... ²¹ ... through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.



The Captain of Our Salvation

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 8:16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.



Follow the Captain

- ^{ESV} **Romans 8:34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:1** For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away