

## “Does God Love Me?”

Hebrews 2: 5 - 9

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### The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Sets Right Again All The Earthly Realm, (vs. 2: 5 – 18)

#### 1. God’s Purpose For Setting All Things Right Again In Christ Is His Love For Fallen Man In A Fallen World, (vs. 5 – 6)

**Message Emphasis:** Many do not see the depths of God’s love for people; all they see is the brokenness of this world. It is God’s eternal love that motivates Him to allow the fall and to make all things right again through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ.

#### 5.1) The Father’s Affections Are Not Set On The Heavens

**“Not Angels God Subjected (Aor.Act.Ind) World To Come (Pres.Act.Part)”**

- The world is a **“Subjected”** place; not what was created – *“For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope” (Romans 8: 20, ESV)*
- The world is ruled **“Not by Angels”** but by fallenness – *“and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.” (Luke 4:6, ESV)*
- The world is not permanently broken; there is a better world **“To Come”** -

*“...waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!” (2 Peter 3:12, ESV)*

*Lord, I am vile, conceived in sin, And born unholy and unclean; Spring from the man, whose guilty fall Corrupts the race, and taints us all. Soon as we draw our infant breath, The seeds of sin grow up for death: Thy law demands a perfect heart – But we’re defiled in every part.*

#### 6.2) The Father’s Affections Are Set On The People He Created

**“What Is Man”**- *“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,” (Psalm 8:1-6)*

- **“That You Are Mindful (Pres.Act.Ind) Of Him?”** – *“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9, ESV)*
  - We have not been left alone or forgotten by God; He is not **“slow to fulfill His Promise”**
  - We have not been rejected by God for our willful sin; He is **“patient toward us”**
  - We have not been left to save ourselves; He **“wishes that all reach repentance”**

*No bleeding bird, nor bleeding beast, no hyssop branch, nor sprinkling priest, Nor running brook, nor flood, nor sea, can wash the dismal stain away.*

- **“That You Care (Pres.Act.Ind) For Him?”** - *“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,” (2 Peter 3:10-11, ESV)*
  - God cares enough to tell us up front what is coming; **“the day of the Lord will come”**
  - God cares enough to tell us what will happen;
    - **“Heavens pass away”**
    - **“Heavenly bodies burned, dissolved”**
    - **BUT “the earth will be exposed”**
  - God cares enough to tell us what we must be; **“holiness and godliness”**

*Jesus, my God, thy blood alone Hath power sufficient to atone: Thy blood can make me white as snow, No ancient types could cleanse me so.*

**\*\*\* The Question Is Not What Must I Do? Rather, What Must I Do To Be Saved? \*\*\***

**Message Directive:** Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul and receive the great love that God has for those who call upon Him. **“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22, ESV)**

*“Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation...” (2 Peter 3:14-15a, ESV)*

2. God’s Purpose For Setting All Things Right Again In Christ Is To Restore Man From His Fallen State, (vs. 7 - 8)
3. God’s Purpose For Setting All Things Right Again Is Accomplished In Christ’s Condescension, (vs. 9)

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Law (vs. 3: 1 - 4: 13)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**
  
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**