

Hebrews 2:9-18

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Jesus' sacrifice is the foundation of our salvation, and it is through his sacrifice that we can experience his glory and honor, and be restored to our original identity and purpose.

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Scripture: Matthew 6:33, Hebrews 2:1-4, Hebrews 2:9, Hebrews 2:18

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares a personal story about a time when he stole something as a child. He describes the fear and guilt he felt when he was caught and taken to the back room of the store. The speaker's father eventually arrives and instead of scolding or punishing him, he expresses his unconditional love and willingness to sacrifice anything for his son's redemption. The speaker uses this story to illustrate the immense love and sacrifice that God has for humanity, as demonstrated through Jesus Christ and the salvation he offers.

Transcript

But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man for it became him for whom are all things and by whom are all things in bringing many sons into glory to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings for both he that sanctified than they who are sanctified are all one for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren saying I will declare thy name unto my brethren in the midst of the church I will sing praise unto thee and again I will put my trust in him and again behold I and the children which God has given me for as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood he himself also likewise took part of the same that through

death he might destroy him that had the power of death that is the devil and deliver them who through fear of death were all of their lifetime subject to bondage for verily he took not on himself the nature of angels but he took on him the seed of Abraham wherefore in all things that behooved him to be made like unto his brethren that he might be merciful the faithful high priest and things pertaining to God to make reconciliation for the sins of the people wherein that he himself has suffered being tempted he is also able to succor them that are tempted Lord we thank you for your word this morning as we look at it we ask that you would open this up to us so many wonderful gems here of who you are what you're doing right now to us what you ought to mean to us and we ask that you would

take these verses and make them alive to us our own experience of you might even just be touched and blessed Lord through the understanding of your scripture this morning for we ask it in Jesus name amen back here though to the book of Hebrews this morning as we something that Paul or we assume I keep on assuming and most expositors believe Paul to be the writer of the book of Hebrews so I we don't know for sure but assuming it to be Paul if you'll recall as in our last study that we did have together in the book of Hebrews in chapter 2 just to make well let me just read the first few verses here in Hebrews 2 he says therefore we ought to give a more earnest heed of the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip for if the word spoken by angels was steadfast and

every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation which at the first being spoken by the Lord was confirmed unto us by them that heard him and here is the writer there tells us about this great salvation that you and I have now if you'll recall in the book of Hebrews the writer is wanting to he's writing to a group of Jews that had come to Christ been born and raised in Judaism in the temple under the priesthood with all of the offerings and the sacrifices there that went on in the temple and they had come to Christ there was just the literally thousands tens of thousands of new Christians fundamentally all of them initially Jews until Acts chapter 10 when the Gentiles began coming to Christ but the initial

church was all Jews all of them raised in the temple well after they had come to Christ now the Judaizers were pressuring them to come back to Judaism saying how can you leave the temple did not God give to us the temple didn't he give us the priesthood didn't he give us Moses didn't he give us all these sacrifices all right if you want to believe in Jesus that's okay but you can't leave these things can you and they were kind of realizing well we God did give us those things I guess how can we leave them and the writer of Hebrews is wanting to explain that Jesus Christ is better than anything in anybody because he is the fulfillment of them all he's the fulfillment of the tabernacle he is the fulfillment of the priesthood he's the fulfillment of the sacrifices he is the fulfillment all

of all of these things that Judaism was merely the foreshadowing of and all preparation for the coming of Christ and so when Christ is now come you no longer need that which foreshadowed it now which is was in part now is coming is completion in Christ and therefore you don't need to do all of these things that pointed to him you now have him and here is he is wanting to do this he's wanting to bring them back just to focusing completely with their heart of their life on Jesus Christ totally and completely you need nothing else at all and here is the writer of Hebrews and he says he wants to warn them make sure you don't do not neglect as he calls it so great a salvation such a simple salvation and yet an unbelievably great salvation that we have been given through Jesus Christ and he

says make sure you don't neglect it that you make you give that the sole priority of your heart in life he doesn't want to share his place in the heart now with all of these former things that pointed to him now it is just him he is total and he is complete those things that were once an attraction towards his coming are now going to be a distraction from him if you keep them essentially and so here wanting just simply to tell us you've got the greatest salvation you don't need all these works all this effort all of these other things now everything that those things once were now just run to Christ and let him do these things within your heart and then as he also wants us to know how great of salvation it was he refers referred in the earlier verses and one through six back to a of David

talking about how great a salvation that we do have for as you may recall in Psalm 8 David said oh Lord our Lord how excellent is thy name and all the earth who has set thy glory above the heavens and out of

the mouth of babes and sucklings is thou ordained strength that thou mightest still the enemy and the Avenger he says God has given there in the Psalms he says what a an excellency God has given to man or what he has created there even out of these little babes these little sucklings these little teeny human beings as David kind of looks at himself a little child you know but out of the mouths of human little children in God if you have ordained strength that you might still the enemy and the Avenger that you might have victory over all spiritual powers in all the world what a

glorious salvation God has given and then as David goes on he says when I consider the heavens the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained he says what is man that thou art mindful of him or the Son of Man that thou visitest him he says for thou has made him a little lower than the angels and has crowned him with glory and honor and has given him dominion over the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea and all that pass through the paths of the sea and all the sheep and all the cattle and everything he says God you have given man a salvation an identity a glory that is just unbelievable it is just so you know the when God created and what was in his mind and in his plan and what was initially experienced by Adam was this believable life of Dominion of victory of blessing every moment

of every day filled with nothing less than the glory of God that is what man was made to know that is what man was made to experience it with glory way beyond the angels for as he said back in chapter 1 what is you know what's an angel when did you ever tell him to sit at your right hand when did you ever have an angel with an identity like this and here and he tells us in chapter 2 verse 5 he says for under which of the angels hath he put in subjection the world to come wherever we speak he says no angel is ever going to yet have dominion is ever going to be restored back to this place but this is God's plan this is how great our salvation is that which God initially created you and me to be we will have it is going to occur but now here in verse 8 he says but thou has put all things in

subjection under his feet here God Bible tells us that God has done the work now to put everything in subjection once again unto man for then that he put in subjection under him he left nothing that is not put under him but now we see not yet all things under him here on the other writer tells us the work has been completed now for man to once again have all things in subjection under him for the work of dominion to occur once again for us it is promised it is finished the work for that and so he says it's all done and he says but we do not yet see all things under him he says we haven't seen it yet it has not yet to materialize it has not occurred as yet then he tells us as we want to look at today in verse 9 but we see Jesus and here now he wants to simply tell us he says if you want to

know more and more about how great your salvation is if you have any desire to experience this God-created God-planned identity if you want to know this glory if you want to be experiencing to the maximum you possibly can your full identity your full salvation your great salvation you want to know how great it is he says well we don't see it yet but we do see Jesus in other words he is saying telling us here very simply here that our former glory will come again it is established it is guaranteed in the future but if you want to know more and more about it and experience more and more about it between now and when it is ultimately fulfilled just look at the one who did it and is going to be doing it today and will ultimately do it for us all Jesus very simply and here now he tells us in

the rest of chapter 2 what it is that when I say I see Jesus what do I see when I turn around and say well I see Jesus we can all say today well I see Jesus maybe we sing you know you know that we want to see Jesus we see turn your eyes upon Jesus and yet perhaps as we do each one of us we can kind of get some sort of maybe visual thought in our mind some perception of him well here the writer of Hebrews he

says this is what I want you to see in Jesus in the rest of this chapter you want to know the great salvation you want to know what it is he has he said look at these things in verse 9 he says we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man and the first thing

here the writer tells us that when you see Jesus you see your Lord your Savior you see your sacrifice and maybe if you're one to write notes and do you know little things like I like to do sometimes in my Bible that help me just remember different thoughts as I have in my Bible there my sacrifice very first thing there in verse 9 that what I want to see Jesus I want to see number one as the writer says my sacrifice the one there who has tasted death as it says for every man and here is something that of course we already know from you know from our own human experience and we know so well from the Bible and from previous studies of course as the Bible says all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God we there was a glory we were have but we sinned and when we sin we felt

short of this glory of this Dominion it was gone as Paul says the wages of sin is death as Ezekiel 18 for says behold all souls are mine the soul of the father also the soul of the son is mine and the soul that sinneth it shall die the Old Testament God tells us there God says every soul belongs to me and every sinful soul of which we all are will die but the initial work here of Jesus Christ that when he came the very first thing when I see Jesus God wants me to see number one my sacrifice the one there who came there wanting to restore this glory wanting me to have this great salvation wanting me to know this Dominion but the very first thing you can do before you can start restoring before you can start returning me back and maturing me and bring me bringing me into what he wants me to

experience first there's a debt he has to pay there's a guilt there's a shame there's a price he has to pay there's a ransom he has to pay for my soul you know to pay for its sin to pay for it's the death that it has coming to it and so there Jesus had to price price that he and he alone could and would pay he suffered the punishment for our sin of which he himself though guilty for nothing he took all of my guilt all of your guilt all of our suffering upon himself for here it tells us there that Jesus tasted death for every man and what a graphic statement that is it's one thing do we say he died for us which he did obviously we say he suffered for us we say all this but here it's an interesting way now that the writer talks about it when he says that what he wants me to know when I look

at my sacrifice he says he tasted death for me for every man every single one of us that word taste in the Greek it means to eat it means they're literally a when somebody eat something they tasted whatever it is the substance of what it is when you eat something talk about a bitter pill sometimes you'll find yourself ever you know having you know something that doesn't taste too good I should be able to make coffee and I usually do pretty good but when Jean leaves I all I have to do is mr. coffee I just pour that I don't know what I did but I did something wrong because yesterday I had a cup of coffee and whatever I did I didn't have the right amount of coffee or you filled I put in way too much I'm sure but anyway and too little water because I just didn't think I needed very much

and I got that bitter mean it talk about a taste you get this in your mouth and and bitter but whatever it is that you eat you taste it and then in here it says about Jesus that he tasted death for every one of us it was something there that wasn't just like he just kind of you know that you know when he when he paid it as if he just kind of went into his lily-white wallet and pulled out his lily-white money or whatever and here's this filth of death and sin and corruption over here and just sit here I'll pay it you know and kept an arm's distance away from it no he went in and he allowed his life to be embellished in it he allowed there the

bitterness and the suffering and the sorrow of death the agony of all of it for every one of us for you for me for every man he tasted your death he

tasted the bitterness of your death of your suffering of your sin of my sin he tasted it he found himself there experiencing it what that the word essentially means you know it's when in fact we even have a term we use that actually comes essentially from this you'll sometimes you'll see maybe a terrible accident or maybe you're watching a football game and you see some you know football player come in and the opponent just comes out of nowhere and absolutely just crushes him piles you just see this guy they're just right and then they'll run it over from five different angles on how he got hit and crushed him down at the bottom of this pile and the usually a lot of times the commentator will be there says boy did he eat it you know and in other words that he he tasted that that had to go

right through his system it was something there it hit him so deep you know he ate it big time you know they'll say and that's what it says about Jesus that when he died for you when he died for me he ate it big time talk about you know eating something talk about having something the Bible tell you he tread out the winepress alone there when Jesus went to the cross there the suffering and the agony of that winepress essentially there that he took you on all the powers of sin death hell and the devil and he let them come full force from every angle let every camera have it shot at him you know did from a crown of thorns on his head a spear in his side nails in his hands in his feet his back ripped open like hamburger and here is the agony and the suffering carrying his own cross mocked

spat upon vinegar but then they're not just simply the physical aspects of it but they're the bitter taste of there being you know accused of blasphemy being killed put to the cross for blasphemy of his father who he never for one moment would discredit and yet because my life had blasphemed him because my life had turned away from God because I had rejected him because of my sin he went there and he tasted every bit of it for me ate it and digested it all there unbelievably everything that you could throw at him he took it and you why did he do it well it says in the same verse for us there in verse 9 that it says there that crowned with glory and with honor that he by the grace of God should taste death he did it because of his grace he did it because he looks at us and he says I'm

sorry I already not sorry makes no apology for it I love you and my love is greater for you than for my own life my love for is greater for you than any suffering any pain any sorrow any rejection my love for you and desire to redeem you to restore you to see you once again become what you were created to be I don't care what price I have to pay I don't care what I have to eat I'll eat it give me a full four course five course ten course meal right out of absolute heartache I will devour it I will taste it for you because of God's grace this unbelievable grace and hopefully today that when the result of it is that we would find ourself we being able to grab on here first is the first thought of it they're given to us in verse 9 when it says we see Jesus who was made a little lower than

the angels for the suffering of death but crowned with glory and with honor here the first thing that really happens when I can look at Jesus say you are my sacrifice and how I ought to be one that if I really realize that I had a crowning with glory crowning with honor there's a lot of people that I think look and say Christ died for me but have they understood it have they realized what he tasted because I believe if I realize what he tasted the result will be I will crown him with glory and honor for his love for me for his work for me how it ought to affect me but he's not only my sacrifice he's also my captain for as it tells us in verse 10 for it became him for whom are all things and by whom are all things and bringing many sons into glory to make the captain of their salvation

perfect through sufferings here it looks now he says not only is Jesus my sacrifice he's also my captain and it says here as it begins before it became him from whom are all things and for whom are all things it just looks and it says everything came from Jesus is what it says and everything is for him but then it says and but it became him and what that simply means is kind of as we you know will you know assume the word to mean I suppose it was just becoming of him sometimes you look at you know somebody in with an outfit and said that's that's look so becoming on you and what we mean when we see somebody and they have something that is becoming on it it just fits you look at somebody said that is becoming on you it's just like you know you and that outfit they just they fit they go

together it's just you're one that's you and it means it when it became him it means it agreed with him it just fit his nature it fit his holiness it fit his power it fit his love it fit his mercy it fit his grace it was just absolutely becoming on him that when Jesus went to the cross it wasn't out of character it was absolutely his character to go to the cross it was absolutely within his nature it was something that absolutely agreed with his love it agreed with his mercy it agreed with his grace he says well how could I do anything else but wear the cross it's me it's what I'm all about it's my nature believe I told you a story one time that was one of the first times that God really almost audibly I knew it wasn't audible but it may as well have been I remember one time I it hit me

how how wonderful was that Christ had died for me I was a relatively new Christian and I you know knew he died for me but one day it just kind of hit me I just realized he died for me he went to the cross for me he suffered for me and when it became so personal it wasn't just the whole world and I was just kind of the collective part of the mass of which he had saved and kind of stood in this huge throng of the redeemed as I kind of perceived it so far but now as if he had done it all just for me and I was the only one that hit me that way and I found myself brought even to tears of Lord I can't believe what you did for me and I and I was so taken by it I I told the Lord I said Lord I you I can't believe that you went out of your way for me like this and out of nowhere as if it was

audible the Lord spoke to me I didn't go out of my way for you and I thought to myself just thinking like you can just do in your mind when you send something what do you mean like this conversation is going on what do you mean you didn't go out of your way if you know if anybody ever went out of their way for anybody in the history of the universe it was what you did for me on the cross but then he spoke so clearly my heart and he says no Don you are my way that was the way I never went out of my way for you never have never will you are my way going to the cross and I read you know when you and then when you come across this where it was just something that Jesus he looks to you and he looks to me today he says you know there I I am your captain I the way I went it was becoming to me

it's what I'm all about I'm all about loving you I'm all about forgiving you I'm all about helping you it isn't something I do inconveniently or okay oh you need what you know sometimes I think we think at least me I can think the Lord must be so frustrated with me you know I've been a Christian long enough now I shouldn't be sinning anymore supposedly I mean we think that way kind of and yet it hasn't stopped and keeps on going and sometimes you think Lord you've got to be so tired of me but he isn't Isaiah tells us and I say I think it's around 42 or 3 it says he will not tire nor will he grow weary until he has accomplished his work to think that the Lord he is not tired of you today he isn't weary of you today he's doing a work that it doesn't tire him out he says this is my work this

is becoming to me this is what I'm all about all things were by me all things were for me but chief of all that was by me and for me is you you are my work you are why I do what I do and how when we would realize

there that he because of this he becomes our captain as it says there in verse 10 there it became him for whom are all things by whom are all things and bringing many sons into glory to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings he looks there and he says I am the captain of salvation now how can I be the captain of salvation if I'm not saving anybody how can I be you know a captain of something if there aren't any buddy I'm leading anywhere some translations have that word captain translated trailblazer it's a wonderful word the word there when it says there

that Jesus is the captain of my salvation it means there that he is blazing a trail where no one has gone he is blazing a trail where there is no trail he is creating a way to do something and in that I merely just follow along the path that he is pioneered and here when the writer of Hebrews says you don't neglect a great salvation he says no your sacrifice and then I can say my sacrifice I can realize there that Jesus he is my chief leader he is my trailblazer and he did this and as he did it there it tells us well in verse 10 he says to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings he did it through tremendous suffering we'll see more of that explained in a few more moments but it's something there that by his his sacrifice by his suffering he becomes my captain and

today hopefully I don't just simply look at Jesus say you're my sacrifice I can also say by the way you're also my captain and then it goes on there to say and I have next to verses 11 12 and 13 my sanctifier for both he that sanctified verse 11 and they who are sanctified are all of one for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren saying I will declare thy name unto my brethren in the midst of the church I will sing praise to thee and again I will put my trust in him and again behold I and the children which God has given me here and tells us now Jesus is not simply my sacrifice he is not simply my captain but now he is also my sanctifier if you're with us last Sunday we looked at the word sanctified and all it means is set apart for God Jesus not only sacrificed himself for

me that he might now become my captain but as my captain as the trailblazer the way that he is blazing the trail that he is blazing is one there to where now he can present me to God perfect he can present me as sanctified if you recall as we looked at that word it means fully set apart for God now Jesus first he sacrifices then he blazes the trail and the trail he blazes now opens the way to where now he says father they're sanctified look at them and he says for he that is sanctified and they who are sanctified are all one now he looks there and in the process of a sanctification he now literally takes me and he fully hides himself in me is what it means when he says both he who sanctifies and they who are sanctified are one not only does Jesus look at you today and he says I'm your

sacrifice paid it not only does he also look and say I forge the trail that you will follow on into your full identity and restoration but you are all now one in me in such a way you'd both he who sanctifies and they who are sanctified we are now one and now it's so powerfully so wonderfully so total is that the Bible now you know looks at it and he says that he is not ashamed you know to call them brethren right now Jesus looks at you think of this for a minute you know you mean I how many times in our lives do we you know do things you know how you know that that we're ashamed of did we shame you know others I remember you know we basically grew up in one house and when I was three years old till I got married at least I did but the everybody else is different but anyway we just lived

right around the corner from a store and oftentimes my mom had sent us off to go do grocery you know she needed this or needed that you know or something and we'd get on her bike and go off and pick this thing up and one time you know I was sent to get something no thing that she needed for dinner or whatever for the meal and I went off to the grocery store it took the money that was given there to get this

thing and I bought this thing but there was something else I saw in the store that I wanted I don't know what it was and some little thing well I went and I bought the thing had the bag went back around and went and got that thing stuck it in the bag went out you know just go out to get on my bike cuz I'm getting on the bike out comes the store manager and you know one of the checkers

all of which knew our family very well and comes out and he you know yeah I'm sure that these guys thought we're gonna help the family here today and you know that and they could come to me and said you took something no you know I mean you know how your heart races and beats and you know you've been caught there's no way out of this one you know and you and here it's in the bag you know and what are we having them you know well they guy saw me do it did dumb kid I hadn't learned how to do sin really good yet I was just in the learning stages of the thing but anyway so they take me back into the back room grill me and they you know and then they call my dad call home my dad's home by this time you know no why did he have to get a home on time tonight of all nights you know and a little

while later my daddy shows up at the store and they've got me sitting in the corner and they go over and they talk and I'm seeing him talking a few times my dad looks over at me they're probably just saying we'll teach this kid a lesson you know I think he's really scared yeah I look scared thanks for your help there I don't know what they were doing probably you know they know kids but they but then I you know you know my dad just comes over and he says you know where home is find it gets out in his car and forever took me to get home you know and all I knew was the wages of sin is death and I get home but I can just remember my parents looking there and I realized on how I had shamed them on how there's something and I you know that I had brought shame you know to the family to the name

what else that you know there's still a we hadn't there's three boys and we hadn't ruined the name yet but we were working on it we're young but it's something there to realize that Jesus though he looks at us and he says I'm not ashamed of you even today with my life today on how I wonder how many things are still I'd be still every time I go through the market and I go through life I go to work I go you know down the street how many things am I still putting in the bag how many things am I still doing wrong how many times do I fail him how many times by my thoughts and my attitude and my behavior my relationships would he look and anybody else say what a shame you're shaming your father and yet to realize the work of Jesus is so awesome he looks at you he looks at me you said I'm not

ashamed to call you my brethren and sometimes then when you add to it how many times I'm ashamed to call him mine I'm ashamed to stand for him and to identify with him but never for a moment when he looks at me he says I'm not ashamed of you oh I've got to raise you and whom I love I'll discipline and you'll keep going on going on through some things but I'm not ashamed of you I love you now we ought to be taken in by that love how we ought to be taken in by how wonderful it is he is truly my sanctifier he sets my life apart not only is he my sacrifice and my captain and my sanctifier he's also my liberator in verse 14 and 15 for as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood he hath also himself likewise taken part of the same that through death he might destroy him that

has the power of death that is the devil and deliver them who through fear of death were subject all of their lifetime are subject to bondage here there is something now when you look at this when you want to enjoy your salvation when you want to stop neglecting so great a salvation look at Jesus looking when he says we see Jesus do you see today you're your sacrifice do you also look there and see your captain do you see one and say not only my sacrifice I see my captain but I see my sanctifier and now I also I see my liberator I see one there I mean here Satan your whole lifetime the whole lifetime here the Bible tells us

there for as much than his children are partakers of flesh and blood he himself also took part of the same that through death he might destroy him that has the power

of death that is the devil and deliver them who through fear of death were all of their lifetime subject unto bondage here you know the writer says every man that is a sinner that has no one there as his sacrifice no sacrificer you know in a sense no captain no sanctifier he also now lives in fear of death every day every day subject unto the fear of death all their lifetime what would happen what happens when I would die this tremendous fear of death in 2nd Corinthians Paul writes and he says for we know in chapter 5 he says for we know that if the earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God one not made with hands eternal in the heavens for in this we groan earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven and then he goes on

though and he says if so that we will not be unclothed that the clothed upon our mortality would take on life and here Paul says to us the wonderful thing that happens to a Christian who for fear of death was subject to fear of death all their lifetime the reason is is that here Paul says that in 2nd Corinthians 5 the reason we have fear of death is that we would be unclothed in literally in the Greek that word unclothed means a disembodied spirit the reason that we are afraid to die before we are Christian is the Bible says we will be a disembodied spirit because I am NOT my body I just live in it it's not me you know if I lose an arm or a leg or hand or ear I lose something I'm still here I'm still me I just lost it off I just no arm no leg no something I lose an opportunity to express

myself in one way another but I'm still here because the one I am I have a soul inside I have a spirit within me I have a life within me I just live in this house but the Bible says that I have this terrible fear as a human being that what happens when this body quits and Paul says for we know that if this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God one not made within the heavens in this we groan earnestly desiring to have that one so because now and when I come to Christ I know that he has gone to prepare a place for me and knowing he'll come again and this spirit bears witness with my spirit that I'm a child of God then if a child and heir of God and joined here with Christ I know I've got another home I know I have someplace to go but before I'm in Christ I have this terrible

fear of dying because I'll be a disembodied spirit I'll die and where am I going I gotta live somewhere where do you live when I lose this you know we we maybe don't like this life and sometimes we're angry and when we're in pain and we think oh I wish I could die and everything oh no wait a minute I don't know where I'll go it might be worse than this so we hang on to this but the wonderful thing here Paul says that when I come to Christ I have somebody there that I am delivered to who through the fear of death I've been subject to fear death all my lifetime but because of the fact that Jesus took part of the same that through death he might destroy him that has the power of death that is the devil and now when I come to Christ and I have a liberator I can just like Paul I can say Oh

death where is thy sting Oh tomb where is thy victory you lose I win I am going to heaven and here when the writer of Hebrews tells us looking unto Jesus I see my sacrifice I see my captain I see my sanctifier I see my liberator I see somebody that now I can say I have a home in glory that outshines the Sun and I can literally look at death and say beat you I'm not afraid of you anymore don't care about it I've been trying to get Sean over here I don't want to embarrass him but why not I'd like to embarrass people they for some reason you know I'll come around the back and they would walk me around back like I said hey what do you guys always walk me around one case somebody wants to jump you I said I don't kill him jumping you know I mean so I'm 58 years old if they want me they can jump

me I really don't care you know about that big deal and besides if the Lord can't take care of me from one door to another I don't know how he's gonna get me out of a hole and take me to heaven forever you know and I think he's gonna take care of the big one so he can get me to the back door okay you know so you just relax but they man and actually I just assumed he doesn't get me to the door I was the most exciting thing he could happen to me is that I wouldn't have got to that door I had to gone through another one I have another door to go through Jesus I'm the door and when we realize that you got that but then lastly he looks there and he says you want don't neglect the salvation look see your captain see or see your sacrifice your captain your sanctifier your liberator and then he

says your empathizer for verse 16 he says for verily he took not on him the nature of angels but he took on him the seed of Abraham wherefore in all things it behooves him to be made like unto his brethren that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest and things pertaining to God to make reconciliation for the sins of the people for in that he himself has suffered being tempted he is also able to succor them that are tempted and here simply now as he says now when I look at Jesus I'm looking at somebody instead of him being angry or upset with me I am looking at one as my great high priest my faithful and merciful faithful high priest who is my empathizer in other words it became him he says that he would be made like unto his brethren that he would suffer death that he would

suffer all of these things Jesus here and for 33 years he went through all of life and he went through it and experienced when he became man through his life he knew what it was to be hungry and thirsty he knew what it was to be tired he cried he sighed he was amazed he suffered rejection he was despised he was misunderstood he was hated he experienced loneliness and grief and sorrow he learned obedience he lost friends he was troubled at times his emotions were overcome by future events he studied the scriptures he grieved he exercised faith he felt it all he felt everything that any human being would ever feel and then when he went and he took our place and he took our sins he felt the grief and the agony and the pain that sin brings to a soul and the separation that it knows the

loneliness and the heartache and it is something there that Jesus there he felt every single bit of it so that any human being that would ever come to him in all the rest of eternity can say Lord I'm experiencing something and nobody understands me that he could look and say I do I've been there I felt everything I'll never be one person who comes and say Jesus you don't know what it feels like they'll never be able to say that to him nobody will ever say you don't understand you never felt this way you don't know what it's like to go through this he could look and say I went through every bit of it and let me tell you the person that takes all of the loneliness and the grief and never gives way to sin in the process of it experiences the ultimate of all of it because when we give way is

we give way to relief you know the feeling somehow but the one who takes the brunt of all of it knows every bit of it whatever it is that you're feeling today you're going through the day your loneliness your struggle your heartache your pain even the loneliness or the suffering you may have brought all upon yourself by your own sin he felt it all he can look at you and sit right next to you and then hold your hand and say I do know I took it all of it for you there'll never be a moment of any day that he is not a total and complete high priest that he is a faithful high priest and merciful to where he looks and he says and I am here to help you I am here to extend mercy and here is something there the word there so that he is able to sucker them who are tempted that word means to relieve

to give aid to in other words in every trial I'm in he comes right there and he says I'm here to help you through this trial I'm here to help you through it and to take you and to bless you and oh that today when

we see Jesus when you when the Bible says we see Jesus and when I ask you who do you see today are you able to look and say I see my captain I see my or my sacrifice I see my captain I see my sanctifier I see my liberator I see my empathizer that's who he is to me dear father how we thank you for your word today and Lord I pray that today we would realize that you look at us and you guys say I have so great a salvation for you and we don't see all things under your feet yet and you don't see them but you can see me and if you see me and if you rest in me and if you let me be your

sacrifice if you let me be your captain if you let me be your sanctifier Lord I pray today that if there's any here that need a liberator that they wonder if I was to die right now will I be a disembodied spirit will I be enclosed or is there a place can be prepared that right now we can open our heart and say Jesus come in be these things for me and thank you that you felt it all and you still love me knowing me knowing what I'm like you're not angered by it rather than that you're not even wearied by it you're not even tired but it's becoming you to be these things to me Lord may it just cause us to love you all the more may it cause us just to look to you all the more and in the process of doing it we are becoming more and more conformed to your image restored to your likeness Lord do

you work in each one of us today we ask it in Jesus name amen

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