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A just weight  
and balance

are the  
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

- **Hebrews**

is

all about Christ.

- The introduction declares that

**Christ is God's**

**final word to man.**

- **Are you listening?**

- When we feel that **God wants to say something to us,** we look around for **a mediator** to stand in between.
- The ancient Roman & Greek world **looked to angels** for this service.
  - But the writer of Hebrews will argue that **angels** **will never do as mediators.**

- The reason is simple:
  - No angel:
  - Has ever been a man;
  - But Jesus, the Son, has!
    - So Jesus is highly qualified to serve as our mediator.

- **Hebrews 2:5**

**For unto the angels  
hath he not  
put in subjection  
the world to come,  
whereof we speak.**

- Paul has just been discussing how important the O.T. law was

- It having been  
**administered by angels.**  
**(Hebrews 2:2)**

- Paul is not discussing the millennium as most denominations teach.

- So it has to be the present

Christian dispensation.

- The great commission was given to men **NOT** to angels (Matthew 28:19-20).

- Angels never made the law,
- Never acted on their own volition.
- They were servants not masters.

- Hebrews 1:6

When he brought  
the first begotten  
into the world,

- He said, And let all  
the angels of God  
worship him.



- **Angels** have always served as God's ministers, before whom the enemies of Jehovah **melted away as wax** before a flame of fire.
- **This is abundantly illustrated by:**
  - The overthrow of **Sodom** and **Gomorrah**.  
(**Genesis 19:1-26**) ;
  - The destruction of the **first-born of the Egyptians**.  
(**Exodus-12:29-30**) ;
  - The overthrow of the **army of Sennacherib**  
(**2 Kings 19:35**).

- Hebrews 2:5

God didn't put angels in charge of our salvation that is under discussion..

- Note the words  
“whereof we speak”.

- What has the writer been talking about?

- Certainly

- NOT**

- the so called

- “millennium”.

- Note the context!

## Hebrew 2:6-7

What is man,  
that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man,  
that you care for him?

2:7 You made him  
for a little while  
lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with  
glory and honor,

- In today's lesson we come upon one of Paul's statements that Peter describes as "*hard to understand*" (2 Peter 3:16).

- **“Man”**

and

- **“son of man”**

are terms describing  
**the same person.**

- This is a term

- **relating to mankind**

- and not to Jesus.

- Jesus doesn't appear until

- **verse 9**

- **(Hebrews 2:9)**

- The writer begins with a quotation from **Psalm 8:4-6.**
- The whole reference **is to man.**
  - It sings of the **glory** and **power** that God gave to man.
  - There is **no reference** to the Messiah.

- There is a phrase  
in the psalm  
which makes  
it difficult  
for us to grasp that.

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“son of man” .

- We are so used to hearing that phrase applied to Jesus that we tend always to take it to refer to him.

- But in Hebrew “son of man” always means simply a man.



- In the book of Ezekiel  
the term  
“son of man”  
appears more than  
eighty times.
  - For example:
    - *“Son of man,  
set your face toward Jerusalem”*  
(Ezekiel 21:2).
    - *“Son of man, prophesy and say.”*  
(Ezekiel 30:2).

- In the psalm quoted here **the two parallel phrases:**
  - **"What is man  
that you remember him?"**
    - **"Or the  
son of man  
that you visit him?"**
  - Are different ways of saying exactly **the same thing.**

- In Psalm 8  
David wrote of  
the glory of man  
as God meant for him to be.

- It is recognition  
of the great promise of God  
in Genesis 1:28,  
when he said to man:

- **"Have dominion over  
the fish of the sea,  
and over the birds of the air,  
and over every living thing  
that moves upon the earth."**

- **"Thou hast made him  
a little lower than the angels"  
(Psalm 8:5).**

- In the original  
Hebrew  
it is said that man is made  
a little lower than the  
**Elohiym**  
And that  
is the regular word for  
**God.**

- So this psalm sings of the glory of man, who was made little less than divine and whom God meant to have dominion over everything in the world.

- Man was meant to have **dominion** **over everything** but he has not.
- He is a creature **frustrated** by his **circumstances.**

- Defeated by his **temptations**,
- Weighed down by his own **weakness**.
- He who should be free **is bound**;
- He who should be a king **is a slave**.

- **G. K. Chesterton said,**  
**whatever else is**  
**or is not true,**  
**this one thing**  
**is certain**  
**--man is not**  
**what he was**  
**meant to be.**



- Hebrews 2:7  
you crowned him with  
glory and honor,
- The two words are synonymous  
in both the Hebrew and the Greek;
  - Together, they express  
royal dignity.
  - And indicate the  
power and authority  
God has bestowed  
on all mankind.
- We have made wonderful advance  
in science and medicine.

- But sadly have made **absolutely zero progress** when it comes to **moral relationships.**
- Go back into recorded history to the earliest writings of men, the most ancient of history, **and the amazing thing is** that men were wrestling with the same moral problems then that we are wrestling with today.
- **“O wretched man that I am”**  
(**Romans 7:24**)

- In this passage there are **three basic ideas.**
- (**# 1**) God created man, **only a little less than himself,** to have the mastery over all things.
- **Genesis 1:28**  
**Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.**

- (# 2) Man through his sin entered into defeat.

- Genesis 3:17

**And unto Adam he said,...**  
**cursed is the ground for your sake;**  
**in sorrow shalt you eat of it**  
**all the days of your life;**

**3:18 Thorns and thistles**  
**shall it bring forth...**

**3:19 In the sweat of your face**  
**shall you eat bread,**  
**till you return unto the ground;**  
**for out of it you were taken:**  
**for dust you are,**  
**and unto dust you shall return.**

- (# 3) Into this state of defeat came Jesus Christ that by his life and death He might make man what he was meant to be.

- Now, there is a change of the subject.

- And what is that change?

- Hebrews 2:9

But we see Jesus,

- **Hebrews 2:9**

**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.**

- The writer to the Hebrews sees in Christ the One, who by his sufferings and his glory can make, man what he was meant to be and what, without him, he could never be.



- This is man's one hope.
  - Jesus, fulfilling man's lost destiny.

- **In Revelation 5**

there is a scene where  
John beholds the One

**seated upon the throne**

of the universe while

ten thousand times ten thousands

and thousands of angels

are worshiping Him..

- The call goes out  
to find one

**who is capable**

to open the little book

**with seven seals.**

- A search is made  
through out the  
length and breadth  
of human history  
for someone  
wise enough,  
strong enough,  
pure enough  
compassionate enough  
to open the seals,
- But no one can be found.

- John says,  
"I wept much that  
no one was found worthy  
to open the scroll,"  
(**Revelation 5:4**).
- But the angel says,  
"Do not weep  
for the Lion of the  
tribe of Judah  
has conquered  
and he can open the seals,"  
(**Revelation 5:5**).

- And when John turned to see the Lion,  
to his amazement  
he saw a Lamb,
  - Having been slain.
  - Having seven horns  
and seven eyes,  
which are the  
seven Spirits of God  
sent forth into  
all the earth.

- And John watched as  
the Lamb stepped up  
to the throne  
and took the little book  
and all heaven  
broke into acclaim  
for here at last was found  
One wise enough,  
strong enough,  
pure enough,  
compassionate enough  
to solve all the problems of man.

- Now the Hebrew writer says:

”**We see Jesus...**”

(**Hebrews 2:9**)

- Who has broken through the barrier that keeps man from his heritage.

- What is that barrier?
- It is put in one grim word:  
Death!

- Fear of death.
  - Filling us with:
    - frustration and depression,
    - Anxiety, worry, fear,
    - Despair and defeat,
- The funeral is but the final straw.
  - Bringing down the curtain on a life of futility of emptiness
  - The show is over!



- The argument of Hebrews is that

life apart from Jesus Christ

is simply that.

- At the end of our life God may say,

- **"It was a most remarkable performance, but you missed it."**

- But, fret not.

- John 10:10

I am come that  
they might have life,  
and that they  
might have *it*  
more abundantly.

## Luke 19:9

And Jesus said unto him,

**"This day is salvation  
come to this house,...**

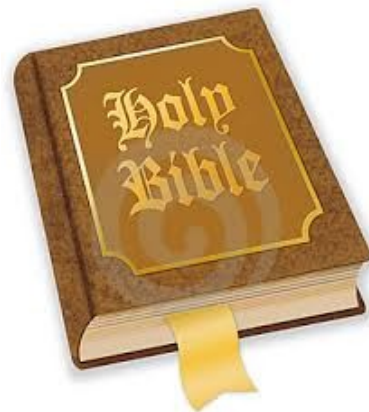
**19:10 For the Son of Man  
is come to  
seek and to save  
that which was lost."**

- **Think on these things**
- **Philippians 4:8**

**The doors of the church  
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride  
Say  
“Come”.**

**Revelation 22:17**



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