

MAN IS STRANGE INDEED

Hebrews 2:5-10

Introduction: Man, (us), we are indeed strange. We are a paradox. For instance we are capable of the highest acts of kindness and at the blink of the eye we are capable of the most disgusting, cruel acts against one another. We fight and war in order to have and to rule. Yes, what God created and called "man" is strange indeed.

I. MAN AS GOD CREATED HIM (v7)

1. God made man a little lower than the angels.
2. God made man to be ruler over all creation.
3. Man was responsible for the earth and all its inhabitants.
4. Man was created to be in charge of a perfect, wonderful world.
5. Man had a continuous fellowship with God at first.

II. MAN AS SIN CONQUERED HIM (v8)

1. A cloud of gloom descended upon the perfect place, Eden.
2. Satan brought sin and conquered the ruler, man. Man was now no longer a "king" but a "slave."
 - Once in control, now under sin's control.
3. Man now bowed his knee, not to God, but to sin and Satan.
 - Man chose to disobey God.
4. Sin conquered man. Man who was created to rule.
 - Man is not now as God created him.
 - Man is now as sin conquered him.
5. We, every human being, are sinners.
 - We will always be sinners with a twisted nature, and a distorted image of God.
6. We are NOT what God intended. Unhappy, filled with grief, tears and sorrow.
7. Even nature has been changed by man's sin.
8. Sin brought tragedy to man, nature, to the entire creation.

III. MAN AS CHRIST CONVERTS HIM (vv 9-10)

1. What we are and need to be changed to what we ought to be.
2. How can we change ourselves?
3. Out of this darkness and despair comes light and hope - JESUS.
4. We are not what we ought to be and we cannot change ourselves but JESUS is what we ought to be.
5. To see what God wants us to be we have to see Jesus.
6. **v9.** Jesus came to deal with our sins. He came to restore what we have lost.
7. What Jesus has done, why He did it is unexplainable. He loves us!
8. We were created to do something! We sinned! Jesus came to re-create us! God wants us back where we belong!
9. Jesus is our guide, our Captain. He knows where we are going.
10. God stands ready to RE-CREATE us, if we will let Him.

CONCLUSION:

1. Knowing you are nowhere near what God created you to be and there is no way for you to become what God wants you to be by your own efforts, all is hopeless - UNLESS....
2. UNLESS God has a plan and He does. Jesus, God's Son, is God's plan. God has declared that anybody, everybody who trusts His only begotten Son, Jesus, will receive eternal life.
3. God can restore us to how we should be, there is nobody else, there is no other way. Think! We can become what we are supposed to be!
4. Do you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Have you given Him your total existence? If so God can work His wonderful works in you and change you into what He wants you to be.