



JESUS

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Hebrews 2:10-18

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Reflection Questions

1. Verse 10 tells us that God's aim is to bring His many children "to glory." What do you imagine "glory" to be? What does this tell us about God's attitude toward His children?
2. Amazingly, Jesus, who is God-in-flesh, is "not ashamed to call us" brothers and sisters (v.11). Do you have a sibling that you're particularly proud of? If so, what would it be like if you knew that they were proud to call you their sibling? Does that change your understanding of Jesus in some way?
3. The fact that God became a human being and experienced what humans experience is one of the distinctives of the Christian faith. This is God's great "condescension," His willingness to set aside His glory in order to identify with us. What life experience have you had that you would most want your God to also experience?
4. The author of Hebrews tells us that Jesus encountered everything that we'll encounter, even death. This means we don't need to invent a new way to live life in light of certain circumstances. Jesus has already walked that path. What unique circumstance are you in that seems like it's never been walked before?
5. Verse 18 seems to indicate that suffering might be required to defeat temptation. In what ways have you found this to be true? In what areas of your life have you been resistant to 'pay the cost' of obedience?

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¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

¹³ And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.