

THE ISSUE OF JESUS' SUFFERING  
(Hebrews 2:10-18)

- I. Necessary to COMPLETE His Identification with MANKIND (Heb. 2:10-13)
  - A. It was "FITTING" for the PURPOSE of dealing with SIN
    - 1. FULLY identified Jesus with the HUMAN CONDITION
    - 2. Qualified Him to be the AUTHOR of our SALVATION
  - B. It provided a CONNECTION by being "of ONE"
    - 1. Possibly SPIRITUAL by a mutual ORIGIN in GOD and CONCEPTION by the HOLY SPIRIT
    - 2. Probably PHYSICAL by shared DESCENT from ADAM
  - C. So "He is not ASHAMED to call them BRETHERN" (Ps. 22:22; Isa. 8:17, 18)
    - 1. To REVEAL the Father to His BROTHERS
    - 2. To PRAISE the Father in the "midst of the CONGREGATION"
    - 3. To TRUST the Father in all things
    - 4. To EMBRACE His brethren as God's GIFT to HIM (Jn. 17:6)
- II. Necessary to DESTROY the Devil and DELIVER the Redeemed (Heb. 2:14-16)
  - A. It enabled His acting as our SUBSTITUTE through physical DEATH

- B. It rendered IMPOTENT the one with the “POWER of death”
    - 1. By DEFEATING death introduced by his ACTIVITY
    - 2. By REFUTING his ACCUSATIONS that DEMAND men’s death
    - 3. By FREEING men ENSLAVED by TERROR of death
  - C. It provided salvation for MEN, not for ANGELS
    - 1. Fulfilled the PROMISE of REDEMPTION made to Abraham
    - 2. Identifies BELIEVERS as Abraham’s SPIRITUAL descendants
- III. Necessary to QUALIFY Him as Our Merciful HIGH PRIEST (Heb. 2:17-18)
- A. It demonstrated He was FAITHFUL to His PURPOSE
  - B. It provided PROPITIATION or RECONCILIATION toward GOD
    - 1. Satisfied the WRATH of GOD
    - 2. Produced PEACE with GOD
  - C. It achieved EXPIATION or REMOVAL of SINS for “the people”
  - D. It enabled His ASSISTANCE for those who are TEMPTED
- IV. Even in His SUFFERING, Jesus is SUPERIOR to ANGELS