

Hebrews 2:5-18

KNOW

Read the passage through noting the following...

- What seems hard to understand?
- What words or phrases jump out at you?
- What questions does the passage spark in you?

Be sure to read Psalm 8 (Hebrews 2:6b-8a is a quote from that Psalm, so might as well familiarize ourselves with it.)

Putting Psalm 8 together with Hebrews 2:6-9, what do we glean about the created purpose and destiny of humankind?

- Just for fun, and as a hint, check out Genesis 1:28, II Timothy 2:12, Revelation 2:26-29

How many times does this passage mention suffering (or anything related to suffering)? What are we to glean from that?

DO

The invitation Jesus offers to all is, "Come, follow me..."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer famous said, "When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die."

The writer of Hebrews said that Jesus was "made perfect through suffering" (2:10)

- What do you think about all that?
- What might it suggest that as American Christians we suffer so little?
- Do you think it's possible to be faithful (uncompromised, uncorrupted) followers of Jesus without having to face suffering? Explain.

The book of Hebrews is a lengthy and sophisticated exercise in compare and contrast. The writer's ultimate goal is to demonstrate that Jesus is better/superior to anything we could possibly settle for, and exhorts readers to consequentially be faithful regardless of the cost. What are you/we tempted to settle for? What cost would be too much for you/us to bear in following Christ?

BE

- Since we are meant to reign with Christ over His good creation, what might you/we need to grow in (character wise and competency wise) to be good co-rulers with Jesus?
- What can you/we do to start training for our destined assignment?
- How do we prepare now for the eventual future?