

Sunday June 19th 2011
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Eight
Study Questions

- 1). What is the stated reason in Hebrews 2:9 for the Lord's incarnation?

- 2). When we speak of death, exactly what is it that we are talking about?

- 3). How should we understand the idea of separation both from an eternal and a Kingdom perspective?

- 4). What might we know about separation from Psalm 22?

- 5). Heb 2:14 ¶ *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil – what is the outcome of the Lord 'tasting death for everyone'?*

- 6). What does our being set free from the dominion of Satan make possible that was not possible before?

7). Exactly what does this mean for us and what scripture did we look at in connection with this?

8). Heb 2:16 *For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.* – What does this mean for us?

9). 17 *Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren* – What Greek word is translated in the phrase ‘He had to be’ and what does it mean?

a). In what sense should we understand the Lord being ‘obligated’ to be like His brethren?

10). *that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.* – What was the result of the Lord being made like His brethren?

a). How should we understand the word ‘merciful’?

b). What encouragement is there for us in the fact that He had to be made like us?

c). In what, according to our scripture, has the Lord been faithful?

d). What does the word ‘propitiation’ mean?

e). What scripture did we look at that shows this?

11). Heb 2:18 *For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.* In the original language what is the focus of this verse?

a). What does the word translated ‘tempted’ mean and how has it changed over time?

b). What would this mean with regards to the Lord’s temptation?

12). Read Matthew 4:1-11

a). What do we learn in verses 2-4?

b). What do we learn in verses 5-7?

c). What do we learn in verses 8-10?

d). What do you think might be significant about v11?

e). What might we conclude from all of this?

f). What has the Lord provided for us that we might successfully endure temptation?

g). What does the scripture say in 1 Corinthians 10 about temptation and what does this say to you?

h). What scriptural promise do we have to set right alongside this?

13). Read Matthew 16:21-27 – what do we learn from this?

14). Read Matthew 26:36-46 – what do we learn from this?

15). *18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.* What encouragement is there in this for us?

16). Heb 4:15 *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin* – What is remarkable about this verse and what does the Holy Spirit teach us about the Lord's experience of temptation?

a). Why do you think it would be necessary for the Lord to experience temptation in exactly the same way we do?

b). What do you think about this?

c). What does this then say to you on a personal level?

d). What does this also mean for our ability to overcome temptation?

e) So what might we conclude about our own struggle with sin?

17). Heb 12:3 *For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 ¶ You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.* What do you think these verses teach us?

