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Christ Regains Man's Glorious Throne

Hebrews 2:5-9

Appearances Can Be Deceiving... Generally

Kenya: the most delicious looking sweets I'd ever seen in my life; taste was bland and underwhelming... one of the biggest disappointments I've ever had at dessert

The world is often NOT WHAT IT APPEARS to be... magicians make a living deceiving audiences with slight of hand; moviemakers use astonishing computer graphics and elaborate stunts and other tricks of the cinema trade to deceive audiences and craft a visual world that doesn't really exist

Celebrities can present themselves as kind, decent, loving people—a family man, hardworking, honest, etc. then the truth comes out about their real lives and how they really are

Appearances Can Be Especially Deceiving... Spiritually

Satan masquerades as an angel of light

Cult leaders masquerade as kind, helpful spiritual guides

World religions like Buddhism and Islam masquerade as viable bodies of spiritual truth teaching true ways of salvation or enlightenment

This world and our relationship to it is also not as it appears to be

The world of nature seems peaceful enough—calm blue skies, fertile soil, gentle breezes... but nature is actually at war with itself and with us

The spiritual world seems like it either doesn't exist or is at peace with us; but the spiritual world DOES exist and surrounding us are angels and demons battling it out every moment of the day

And Christians seem like the lowest of the low—not many wise, not many of noble birth, not many in positions of power—many are persecuted, arrested, beaten, and martyred for their faith...

We may seem like the weakest of the weak in this world... but appearances can be deceiving

Jesus seemed like nothing to His enemies, especially when He died... but He is the King of the universe; and someday He will give a Kingdom to all His suffering followers

Context of Hebrews 2:5-9

The author to the Hebrews is writing to persecuted Jewish Christians who are being tempted to abandon Jesus and go back to their old Jewish religion without Jesus

In this passage, He returns to the theme he started in Hebrews 1: Jesus is greater than the angels

But he expands on that theme, saying that Jesus is ruling the universe, **THOUGH IT DOESN'T APPEAR** as though He is

And someday, all true believers will rule with Him, **THOUGH IT DOESN'T APPEAR THAT WE WILL**

He pulls out Psalm 8 which describes man's original place in the universe as ruler over creation, and he links Jesus' victory at the cross as the way by which man is **RESTORED** to his rightful place as ruling in the world... **THOUGH AT PRESENT IT DOESN'T APPEAR SO**

I. Man's Original Place: A Throne of Glory

A. Psalm 8: A Testimony to Man's Surprising Glory

1. Central issue: God's glory in the universe

Psalm 8:1 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Psalm 8:9 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2. Secondly: Man's apparent smallness in light of the universe's immensity

Psalm 8:3-4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

3. Yet... despite all appearances, man set in a position of honor

B. Angels: Clearly More Powerful

1. Angels dwell in heaven, man dwells on earth

2. Angels see the face of God, man does not

3. Angels shine with the glory of God, man does not
4. Angels display supernatural power, man does not

C. Creation: God Gives Man a Throne

1. The author quotes Psalm 8, introducing it in a very curious way

Hebrews 2:6 But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"

- a. The author to the Hebrews knows very well that it was David who wrote Psalm 8
 - b. In Hebrews 4:6, he mentions David as the author of Psalm 95...
 - c. So he definitely knows who wrote Psalm 8
 - d. But he wants to focus on God's word, God's actions, God's purposes, God's intentions... so he tends to minimize the human author of Scripture unless he needs to make a point about the circumstances of that Scripture's writing
 - e. So here he pushes David to the background by saying "There is a place where someone has testified..."
2. But Psalm 8 makes the point the author wants to make... God entrusted to man a place of glory and honor in creation

Hebrews 2:7-8 You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor ⁸ and put everything under his feet."

By the word of God, man was made "a little lower than the angels..."

Psalm 8:6-8 You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: ⁷ all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

3. Man was made "a little lower than the angels"
4. Man was crowned with glory and honor... specifically in being created in the image of God AND being put in a position of authority over the earth
5. God made man ruler of the earth and everything on it
6. He did not give this position of honor to angels although they are stronger and more powerful

Hebrews 2:5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.

7. The key issue here: the WORLD TO COME... and Christ's rule over it... though man was originally given a place of glory and honor

D. The Glory of Man: Rulership over the Earth

Genesis 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

1. Adam and Eve were originally invested with royal authority, ruling like a king and queen over the surface of the earth
2. They were to begin in Eden, and would move out from there to cover the face of the earth
3. They would discover all the beauty and wisdom God had woven into the created order
4. They would travel along the four rivers that flowed from the headwaters of Eden... the Pishon, the Gihon, the Tigris, and the Euphrates
5. They were discover the various species of plants and animals, birds and fish, insects and reptiles that God had made; their eyes would gaze on the beauty of a perfect world and they would subdue that world and rule over it
6. That was the glory and honor man had been originally invested with at creation
7. That honor was not given to the angels

II. Man's Present Disgrace: Stripped of Glory

A. Man Lost His Position of Glory

1. Adam fell into sin, joining Satan in his rebellion against God
2. God had commanded Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; but Adam disobeyed God and was driven from the Garden of Eden
3. The ground was cursed as a result of Adam's sin, and man and nature began and adversarial relationship

Genesis 3:17-19 "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

4. Furthermore, God assigned an angel with the job of keeping man from the tree of life
5. The apostle Paul speaks of the cursing of nature and the groaning of the earth

Romans 8:20-22 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

B. Author Focuses on the Word "Everything" in Psalm 8

Hebrews 2:7-8 You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor ⁸ and put everything under his feet."

Hebrews 2:8 In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.

"Everything" on earth should be in subjection to man

By the original plan of God and command of God, everything should be under man's feet

C. Yet At Present, We Do Not See It

Hebrews 2:8 In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.

1. Humanity has been stripped of its position of glory in the world
 2. At present, we see tremendous suffering in the world caused by nature run amok
 - a. In the first decade of a new millennium, the human race was confronted with evidence again and again that we are subject to nature and not nature subject to us
- On January 26, 2001, An [earthquake](#) hits [Gujarat, India](#), killing more than 12,000.
 - On February 13, 2001, a [6.6 magnitude earthquake](#) hits [El Salvador](#), killing at least 400.

- On May 21, 2003, an [earthquake](#) in the [Boumerdès](#) region of northern [Algeria](#) kills 2,200.
- On December 26, 2003, the massive [2003 Bam earthquake](#) devastates southeastern [Iran](#); over 40,000 people are reported killed in the city of [Bam](#).
- 2003 also produced one of the worst heatwaves in recorded human history, as Europe was hit by a 40 °C (104 °F) [heatwave](#) killing thousands.
- On December 26, 2004, one of the worst [natural disasters](#) in recorded history hits Southeast [Asia](#), when [the strongest earthquake in 40 years](#) hits the entire [Indian Ocean](#) region. The massive 9.3 magnitude [earthquake](#), epicentered just off the west coast of the [Indonesian](#) island of [Sumatra](#), generates enormous [tsunami](#) waves that crash into the coastal areas of a number of nations including [Thailand](#), [India](#), [Sri Lanka](#), the [Maldives](#), [Malaysia](#), [Myanmar](#), [Bangladesh](#), and [Indonesia](#). The official death toll from the [Boxing Day Tsunami](#) in the affected countries stands at approximately 230,000 people dead or still missing.
- On October 8, 2005, the [2005 Kashmir earthquake](#) kills about 80,000 people.
- On May 3, 2008, Over 146,000 in [Burma](#)/Myanmar are killed by [Cyclone Nargis](#).
- On May 12, 2008, over 69,000 are killed in central south-west [China](#) by the [Wenchuan quake](#), an earthquake measuring 7.9 [Moment magnitude scale](#). The epicenter was 90 kilometers (55 miles) west-northwest of the provincial capital [Chengdu](#), [Sichuan](#) province.
- Several typhoons and hurricanes resulted in extreme destruction in this decade, with [Hurricane Katrina](#) nearly destroying [New Orleans](#), followed by [Hurricane Rita](#), which wreaked destruction along the [U.S. Gulf Coast](#). In 2008 the massive [Hurricane Ike](#) became the third most destructive hurricane to ever make landfall in the United States.
- The 2009 [H1N1](#) (swine flu) [flu pandemic](#) is also considered a natural disaster,^{[citation needed](#)} and was the worst epidemic or pandemic of the decade, killing nearly 12,000.
- January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti killed almost a quarter of a million people
- The **2010 Pakistan floods** began in July 2010 following heavy [monsoon](#) rains in the [Khyber Pakhtunkhwa](#), [Sindh](#), [Punjab](#) and [Balochistan](#) regions of [Pakistan](#). Present estimates indicate that over two thousand people ^[2] have died and over a million homes have been destroyed since the flooding began.^[3] The [United Nations](#) estimates that more than 21 million^[4] people are injured or homeless^{[5][6]} as a result of the flooding,^{[5][6]} exceeding the combined total of individuals affected by the [2004 Indian Ocean tsunami](#), [the 2005 Kashmir earthquake](#) and the [2010 Haiti earthquake](#).

b. Meanwhile: droughts and famines, plagues and endemics support the author's point

Hebrews 2:8 In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.

D. At Present, We See Suffering and Death

1. The Hebrew Christians understand God's original purpose in creation very well... they knew the Genesis story as well as he did
2. But in the gospel, the power of Christ to bring everything under His feet has been clearly proclaimed

Hebrews 1:13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

3. Christ is God over all, able to crush all His enemies under His feet
4. But at present, we do not see this power openly and obviously
5. Not only is nature making life miserable for all humanity, unbelievers specifically are making life miserable for Christians... they are suffering severe persecution at the hands of Christ's enemies

Hebrews 10:32-34 Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. ³³ Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. ³⁴ You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.

Simply put... the world is NOT AS IT SHOULD BE

Man is dominated by nature rather than ruling the world

AND Christ's people are DOMINATED by Christ's enemies rather than seeing Christ openly put them under His feet

What is the solution?

SEEING JESUS

Hebrews 2:8-9 Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. ⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

The author to the Hebrews calls on his readers to SEE JESUS as the solution to the problem

Man has not lived up to his proper place in the world

Man has sinned... the world is fighting against man rather than submitting to him

Jesus is the SON of MAN... and we must LOOK AT JESUS

Something we cannot do with our eyes, but only with our FAITH

III. Jesus' Humiliation: Incarnation, Suffering, and Death

A. Jesus' Original Glory

1. Before the foundation of the world, Jesus was crowned with glory and honor with the Father
2. Isaiah 6 depicts the awesome power of Christ on His throne

Isaiah 6:1-4 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

3. John 12 says Isaiah was speaking of Jesus Christ in that overwhelming vision

John 12:41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

4. Notice that Jesus was clearly immeasurably greater than the angels before His incarnation... they can't even look at His glory, but veil their sight in His presence
5. BUT in taking on a human body He became APPARENTLY a little lower than the angels

B. Jesus' Humility in Incarnation

1. The night Jesus was born, the angels all gathered to celebrate it and worship Him
2. They appeared to the shepherds in the hills around Bethlehem in radiant splendor and glory to celebrate Christ

3. The shepherds went to see the display of the Son of God that these radiantly beautiful and glorious angels had proclaimed
4. They traveled to a humble stable or cave where lowly farm animals surrounded a poor Jewish woman, her husband and her firstborn baby... He was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger, where animals eat their feed
5. WHAT A CONTRAST!!! Glorious, radiant angels, descending from heaven, worshiping God and giving Him glory; an overwhelming scene of heavenly glory come to earth... but they are celebrating a little helpless human baby, not radiant, not apparently any different than any other human baby...
6. APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING... the little baby was infinitely greater than any angel, greater than all the angels... more glorious, more powerful, the heir of the universe, the Son of God
7. The angels knew the truth... but the shepherds must have wondered at the wide contrast... glorious, heavenly angels vs. humble little apparently normal human baby

C. Jesus' Humiliation in Suffering

1. Twice angels ministered to Jesus in his suffering... in both cases, if you had seen those encounters you would have thought the angels to be immeasurably greater than Jesus, and Jesus completely below them in glory
2. In the desert of temptation
 - a. Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights in the desert of Judea
 - b. The devil tempted Him severely and He responded with Scripture though weakened by the fasting
 - c. At the end, the ordeal depleted Jesus physically and the Father dispatched angels to minister to Him

Matthew 4:11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

- d. Matthew doesn't tell us what the angels did, but when Elijah was running for his life from Jezebel and was exhausted under a broom tree in the desert, an angel brought him food and water... so also these angels undoubtedly brought Jesus food and water and cared for His weakened body
- e. If you had seen that encounter, and were asked "Who is greater? Who is more powerful? The weakened man being fed bread and water, or the angels doing it?" the answer would most certainly have been the wrong one... APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING

- f. Jesus was made for a short time a little lower than the angels
3. In the Garden of Gethsemane
- a. Jesus was facing the prospect of suffering on the cross under the wrath of God for the sins of the world
 - b. He asked His Father if it was possible for the cup of suffering to be removed from Him
 - c. The intensity of that prayer time was so overwhelming that Jesus sweat great drops of blood

In 1986, an article titled, “On the Physical Death of Jesus Christ,” appeared in the prestigious **Journal of the American Medical Association**. It was authored by Dr. William Edwards (a pathologist with the Mayo Clinic), Wesley Gabel, a biblical scholar, and Floyd Hosmer, a specialist in medical graphics at the Mayo Clinic. These gentlemen suggested that Luke’s description of the agonizing event is perfectly consistent with a condition known as “hematidrosis,” in which there can be hemorrhaging into the sweat ducts during periods of acute emotional distress. In such cases, the skin becomes fragile and tender, and subcutaneous capillaries can dilate to such an extent that they burst, causing blood to ooze from the skin

- d. It was possible that the almost inconceivable stress of drinking the cup of God’s wrath was so great that Jesus almost died right there in the Garden of Gethsemane
- e. God the Father dispatched an angel to strengthen Him

Luke 22:43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

- f. Again, if you had been there at the time and watched that scene, you would have thought the angel was vastly more glorious, more powerful, greater in every way than the frail, mortal, bloody, weeping Jesus... but APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING!!!
- g. Jesus was made for a short time a little lower than the angels... but the entire universe will be given to Him... and through Him to us as His brothers and sisters

D. Jesus’ Humiliation in Death

1. Jesus’ weakness and frailty and lowliness reached its immeasurable bottom at the cross...
2. Angels are IMMORTAL... they cannot die; Jesus died... He took on flesh and blood and died on the cross

Vs. 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

3. As Jesus' lifeless, bloody body was taken down off the cross and gently wrapped by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, He was the very picture of human weakness and lowliness
4. No holy angel has ever stooped so low... Jesus seemed to be far below the holy angels more at this moment than any other
5. but APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING!!! Jesus' was still the Son of God and would rise again to be crowned the King of the Universe
6. Okay... how does all this connect to US? How does it connect to the first century Jewish believers in Christ?
7. Well, Jesus' glory will be our glory!!! He is the Son of Man who fulfills God's original purpose for Man... ruling in glory over the earth

IV. Jesus' Glorification: Crowned with Glory FOR US

Vs. 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

A. God's Gracious Purpose: to Restore Fallen Man to Glory

1. Sin had robbed us of our proper place over the world
2. We were created to be kings and queens on earth
3. Sin made us slaves of Satan and Satan's dark kingdom ruled the earth
4. God by grace intended to reverse the curse

B. Now Crowned With Glory and Honor

1. We see Jesus (more on that in a moment) BY FAITH
2. He is NOW crowned with glory and honor
3. He is seated at the right hand of Almighty God
4. He is ruling over heaven and earth
5. The angels now veil their sight before His as they did before His incarnation

C. BECAUSE He Suffered Death

1. There is a logical connection between the radiant glory of Jesus on the throne and the suffering He went through on earth
2. The author to Hebrews again and again speaks of how Jesus' suffering FIT Him to be our mediator, our Great High Priest... how Jesus' suffering in some mysterious sense made Jesus PERFECT to save us
3. Philippians 2 also directly links the humiliation of Jesus at the cross with the honor God pays Him afterwards

Philippians 2:8-9 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name

4. Jesus is now crowned with glory and honor BECAUSE He suffered death

D. By the Grace of God

1. It was for US that Jesus did all this
2. God's grace to us as sinners is most evident in Jesus' humiliation in the incarnation and the cross
3. He did it to restore His children to their rightful place of rulership in the world
4. This is the grace of God... it is only by grace that we are redeemed and restored... the justice of God could easily have swept us away in a firestorm of wrath
5. Instead He sent Jesus to die on the cross, to taste death for everyone of His children

E. Tasted Death for Everyone

1. God did this to bring MANY SONS TO GLORY
2. These sons and daughters are children of God, chosen from every tribe and language and people and nation
3. It was specifically to bring them to glory
4. Look at the very next verse, verse 10

Hebrews 2:10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

5. At the core of that glory was our HOLINESS... that we should be perfectly free from sin in every way

Hebrews 2:11 Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

6. That was Christ's purpose... to become like us in our humanity so we could be like Him in His glory and holiness

F. Everything Now Subject to Jesus as Our Head

1. Jesus is CROWNED with glory and honor
2. He is sitting on a throne at the head of the universe

Ephesians 1:22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church

G. The World to Come WILL BE Subject to Jesus

Hebrews 2:5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.

“Subject” means like Psalm 8 says “Put everything under His feet”... Christ RULING OVER ALL

So, what is that “world to come” about which we were speaking?

The author to the Hebrews has already described it to us at the end of chapter 1:

Hebrews 1:10-12 He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. ¹¹ They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. ¹² You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

This “world to come” is the New Heaven and New Earth which Christ Himself will usher in with the Father. It is the city that is to come, the new country to which we will be brought

Hebrews 11 will bring us to consider the future world which we are longing for by faith. The heroes of the faith, the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Old Testament lived in tents...

Hebrews 11:13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

Hebrews 11:16 they were longing for a better country-- a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

This LONGING FOR A BETTER COUNTRY is of the essence of faith... God has prepared a country and a glorious city for us

Christ is RULING IN HEAVEN NOW... but He will usher in a New Heaven and New Earth over which He will rule... and we will rule with Him

V. Our Glorification: The World to Come

A. Glorified with Christ

1. Christ's glory will be our glory
2. Freed at last from our sins, we will shine with the glory that Christ has won for us
3. Thus in verse 10:

Hebrews 2:10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

4. Christ will bring us to glory!!

B. Ruling with Christ

1. Adam and Eve were a King and Queen in a perfect world
2. They threw it all away to submit to a new King, Satan
3. Christ has won a Kingdom back for Himself... and then gives it to us, His brothers and sisters
4. We will be kings together!!!!
 - a. So many verses on this I cannot even begin to list them all
 - b. Sheep and Goats: the Kingdom is our inheritance

Matthew 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

- c. Revelation: we will reign with Christ

Revelation 3:21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

- d. Paul: we will reign with Christ

2 Timothy 2:11-12 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him

e. Heirs with Christ if we suffer like Him

Romans 8:17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs-- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

f. Paul: I wish we could be kings too

1 Corinthians 4:8 Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have become kings-- and that without us! How I wish that you really had become kings so that we might be kings with you!

g. Jesus the ultimate King of Kings

Revelation 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

h. We are restored to an even higher rulership than Psalm 8 envisaged

C. We Will Judge Angels

1 Corinthians 6:2-3 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? ... ³ Do you not know that we will judge angels?

At present, we are a little lower than angels...

But in the end, we will actually judge angels; at least we will judge fallen angels—demons. Although it could mean more than this

D. New Creation: New Heavens and New Earth

1. In the new world, our God-given place will be restored to us
2. Christ will reign over all things, and we will reign under Him
3. Psalm 8 will be more than fulfilled

Psalm 8:3-6 hen I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet

At present, the church is the offscouring of the world... denigrated, persecuted, lowly and crushed... like Jesus

But LOOK TO JESUS... appearances can be deceiving! Someday we will reign with Him

VI. Application: Look to Jesus

A. Look to Jesus by Faith

“We see Jesus...”

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor

Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith

1. Look to Jesus BY FAITH
2. We cannot see Him with our eyes... but our faith is the eyesight of the soul

B. Look to Jesus for Salvation

1. The first focus is Jesus' DEATH
2. Did He taste death for YOU? If you trust in Christ, He will remove the sting of death and bring you to holiness and then to glory

C. Look to Jesus by Scripture

1. Scripture FEEDS faith
2. Meditate on the achievements of Christ by Scripture
3. Make Jesus come alive in the eyes of your heart
4. Consider Him, feed on Him, walk with Him in the pages of Scripture

D. Look to Jesus in a Groaning World

1. APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING
2. This world is groaning, yearning for liberation from bondage
3. As you AGE... and get sick, and your body breaks down... just know that glory is coming and you will someday shine in the Kingdom
4. As you hear of or experience NATURAL DISASTERS in this world: storms, floods, droughts, famines, diseases, etc. Look to Jesus

E. Look to Jesus as Your Future Glory