

**ENDURE**  
**Studies on Hebrews**  
**Study 2 – Hebrews 2: 5-18**  
***Flesh and blood***

**Read Heb 2:5-18** and briefly discuss anything that stands out to you, repetitive words or ideas, subject of the text etc.

1. Who is the writer speaking about in v5-10?

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2. What was the reason Jesus was made lower than the angels for a little while? (v9)

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3. Read v10 – 13 again. What is the reason why Jesus is made perfect through suffering?

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4. Read v14-17. What is the great enemy of flesh and blood?

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5. How are we subject to lifelong slavery through fear of death?

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6. How does Jesus through his own death, destroy the one who has the power of death over us?

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In this section the writer answers the question as to why Jesus, who is the divine ruler of the world, must for a short time live as a human being and therefore is 'made lower than the heavenly beings' (angels). That the Son of God seemed in his humanity to be inferior to angels would have been very hard for the Jewish mindset to abide. But in terms of understanding the role and purpose of God's anointed one, the Messiah, the writer will go on to explain that it was necessary for Jesus to be humbled in this way so that he could become the purification for sin. He must firstly taste death for us as a human (v9) to pay for human sin and he must be made perfect through suffering as we too will be made perfect in the same way. Death becomes like a shedding of skin as a cocoon and the pain it brings is like the pain of childbirth which leads to a new birth in Christ. Jesus destroys Satan's hold on us because in his humanness he dies as an atonement for human sin, himself not needing atonement as he is sinless. Therefore, Satan is no longer able to accuse and condemn us before the throne of God, our slavery to him destroyed by Jesus.

Read vs 17 and 18 and discuss how Jesus becomes a faithful and merciful servant through his suffering and death?

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Jesus offers reassurance to sinners because through his temptations, suffering and death, in his humanness he is able to sympathise with us in our struggles. He now uplifts us in our struggles, not as a condemning Lord (this interestingly is the work of satan to cast the condemnation) but as a loving saviour who embraces us in our suffering and temptations and gives us courage to overcome as he did.

7. What can we say then of Jesus, when we fall into temptation and sin?

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Pray – Spend some time giving thanks to God for the one who sympathises in every way with our temptations and sufferings.

Prayer Points:

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