



Lose Your Destiny...and You Will Lose Your Soul!

Hebrews, Lesson 5: The Recovery of Man's Lost Destiny

Hebrews 2:5-9,

“It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: ‘What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor and put everything under their feet.’ In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”

When we read Psalm 8:4-6, We must understand something:

- ***Man was destined “to be crowned with glory and honor and have everything under his feet (full authority).”***
The Psalm is a great lyric cry of the glory of human life as God intended it to be.
- ***God left nothing that was not subject to him....However, Because he sinned, he does not have that authority (everything under his feet).***
They (people) are creatures who are frustrated by their circumstances, defeated by their temptations, and surrounded by their own weaknesses.

But....But....Praise God!

We see Jesus coming into the picture...The Captain who can steer our ship to the shore...the King who can bring us victory over our circumstances, our temptations, and our weaknesses.

Jesus died (suffered) to rid us of our frustration, our bondage, and our weaknesses...to give us back the authority we ought to have.

He died to re-create us until we become what we were originally created to be.

“A little lower than angels”

If we were made a little lower than angels, angels must be very important participants in God’s Kingdom.

Do you think we have wrongly demoted the role of angels in our philosophy of life? What about how we feel concerning angels in our Christian values (in the sum of our experiences)?

There is a study of angels. This is called “Angelology”

The Sacred Scriptures speak of angels 275 times; therefore, God must have included them in His message to Israel and the Church for all to be informed as to their importance.

Angelology is the study of the good angels and Satan/demons (the fallen angels). The created hosts are mentioned in thirty-four of the sixty-six books of the Bible. Christ taught the Jews of the existence of angels in Matthew 18:10 by reminding the reader that people are to be treated with kindness for “...their angels in heaven...behold the face of [the]...Father who is in heaven.” Jesus also told His disciples that He could appeal to His Father and twelve legions of angels would be sent to help Him: 72,000 plus (Matthew 26:53).

Out of the hundreds of angelic references, only four have names that are shared, with one whose name is implied. We see that sometimes, the Angel of the LORD, is God, Himself — Yahweh — showing Himself in the Old Testament.

We see them called “angels of God” (**Luke 12:8**), “sons of God” (**Job 1:6**), “sons of the mighty” (**Psalm 89:6**), “heavenly host” (**Psalm 148:2; 1 Kings 22:19**), “holy ones” (**Psalm 89:5**), “holy watchers” (**Daniel 4:13**), “rulers” (**Daniel 10:13**), and “heavenly beings” (**Psalm 29:1**).

Yet very few are ever called by name.

The Four Names of Angels Given in the Bible

1. The Angel Gabriel

Gabriel appears in four (4) passages of Scripture. With each encounter, he comes with a message.

- In these passages, we learn that **Gabriel is an angel** who appears in human form.
- He appears 2 times to the prophet Daniel, then to the priest Zechariah (father-to-be of John the Baptist), and lastly, to Mary (mother-to-be of Jesus the Messiah).
- In these appearances to the three (3), he admits to standing in the **presence of God**, by whom he is sent. (Luke 1:19)
- We also see a demonstration of supernatural power as he comes in flight and is able to make a man mute. (Luke 9:21; 1:20).

2. The Archangel Michael

Michael appears in 4 passages of Scripture.

- He's described as an **archangel** in **Jude 1:9**,
- As one who engages in heavenly warfare.

- He is also referred to as a chief prince, one who works to protect God's people.

"Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back," (**Revelation 12:7**).

Note: In Daniel chapter 10, Michael is spoken of by another angel, one who is not named. He talks of coming to Daniel sooner but is delayed. He says, "Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia" (**Daniel 10:13**).

This same angel is sharing with Daniel (Chapter 12) the things to come. He references Michael once again, "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise" (**Daniel 12:1**).

3. The Angel Lucifer

We know **this angel as the devil**, aka Satan.

- He is a **fallen angel** (**Isaiah 14:12**, NKJV), cut down for rebelling against his creator, God.
- But before this, he was a beautiful, wise, guardian cherub, in the Garden of Eden.

"This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. ...and I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God... You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth," (**Ezekiel 28:12-19**).

- On earth, Lucifer has been given temporary reign as prince of the power of the air, at work in the sons of disobedience (**John 16:11**; **Ephesians 2:2**).
- He has control of this world, as it's god (**John 5:19**, **2 Corinthians 4:4**),
- masquerades as an angel of light (**2 Corinthians 11:14**),
- **leads the whole world astray** (**Revelation 12:9**).
- He is a thief (**John 10:10**), a murderer, and the father of lies (**John 8:44**). For he spoke the very first lie to Adam and Eve, in the garden (**Genesis 3:4**), bringing death to all men (**Romans 5:12**).
- But we know his time is short, for he has been judged (**John 16:11**) and **upon Christ's return**, will be thrown into the eternal fire (**Revelation 20:10**).

4. Abaddom (Apollyon)

The **angel Abaddon** is only mentioned once, he appears to be a fallen angel, ruling over the Abyss (bottomless pit).

At the same time, he is an instrument of judgment, used by God during the End Times, so there is some debate as to where his allegiance falls.

“And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon that is, Destroyer,” ([Revelation 9:1-3](#),11).

A Name Implied — The Angel of the LORD

There are quite a few instances that an angel is simply called, “[an angel of the Lord](#),” but upon closer inspection, we see that sometimes, the angel of the Lord, is God, Himself — [Yahweh](#) — showing Himself in the Old Testament. Some believe this can be a pre-incarnate Jesus, but that is never made clear.

So, while the name of this angel is never given directly, we can know he is God, based on what is said. In [Genesis 16:7-13](#), for example, it is this angel who says *they* will increase Hagar’s descendants. And to whom she says, “You are the God who sees me.”

And in [Exodus 3:2-6](#), we see verses like this:

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

This angel also appears a few times throughout the book of Judges.

The angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, “I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land I swore to give to your ancestors. I said, ‘I will never break my covenant with you....’” ([Judges 2:1](#)).

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, “Alas, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!” ([Judges 6:12](#),22).

He replied, “Why do you ask my name? It is beyond understanding.” When the angel of the Lord did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the Lord. “We are doomed to die!” he said to his wife. “We have seen God!” ([Judges 13:18](#), 21-22).

3 Basic ideas in the Hebrews 2:5-8 passage:

- 1. God created men and women a “little less” than angels to have control over all things. (Shows us the ideal of what we should be...kin to God and rulers of the universe.)**
- 2. Through their/our sin, they entered into defeat instead of control. (Shows us the actual human condition)**

3. Into this state of defeat came Jesus Christ in order that by his life, death, and glory he might make men and women what they were meant to be.

(Shows us how the actual can be changed to the ideal through Jesus Christ).

3rd Section: Hebrews 2:10-18, The Essential and Perfect Suffering..

"In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason, he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

The author of Hebrews shows us one of the great titles for Jesus...

*He calls Him...the pioneer (author) of glory...and our salvation.
Pioneer...head, chief, the one that started it (Source/Origin).*

How was Jesus enabled to take on the role?...

God made Him perfect through suffering.

Better translated...He was an unblemished sacrifice who bled and died for our sins.

Through suffering, Jesus was made fully able to complete the task of being the pioneer (source...origin) of our salvation.

How can that be?

1. *Through His sufferings He identifies with us (man)*
2. *Through this Identity, Jesus Christ sympathizes with us.*

He literally feels with us...the hurt, the pain, the agony, and the difficulties...

3. *Because He sympathizes with us, He can really help us.*

He has met our sorrows.

He has been tempted as we are.

THE RESULT: HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED AND HE CAN GIVE IT!