

a study of the book of
HEBREWS
pressing on towards maturity

I. REVIEW TO THIS POINT

- A. God has spoken in His Son.
- B. The Son is truly God.
- C. The Son is truly Man.
- D. Flow of thought in chapter 2
 - 1. The nature and rightness of incarnation
 - 2. The benefit of incarnation

II. BEING SET FREE FROM FEAR OF DEATH

- A. Jesus became a man in order to die.
- B. Jesus' death disarmed the Devil
- C. The power of death in the Devil
 - 1. God has final authority in all things.
 - 2. Sin brings death.
 - 3. The devil has imprisoned mankind in sin.
 - 4. The devil therefore has the power to inflict death.

HEBREWS 2:14-18

14 THEREFORE, SINCE THE CHILDREN SHARE IN FLESH AND BLOOD, HE HIMSELF LIKEWISE ALSO PARTOOK OF THE SAME, THAT THROUGH DEATH HE MIGHT RENDER POWERLESS HIM WHO HAD THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL, 15 AND MIGHT FREE THOSE WHO THROUGH FEAR OF DEATH WERE SUBJECT TO SLAVERY ALL THEIR LIVES. 16 FOR ASSUREDLY HE DOES NOT GIVE HELP TO ANGELS, BUT HE GIVES HELP TO THE DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM. 17 THEREFORE, HE HAD TO BE MADE LIKE HIS BRETHREN IN ALL THINGS, SO THAT HE MIGHT BECOME A MERCIFUL AND FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST IN THINGS PERTAINING TO GOD, TO MAKE PROPITIATION FOR THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE. 18 FOR SINCE HE HIMSELF WAS TEMPTED IN THAT WHICH HE HAS SUFFERED, HE IS ABLE TO COME TO THE AID OF THOSE WHO ARE TEMPTED.

D. In the passage, that power is used to keep men bound through a fear of death.

1. What is the fear of death?
 - a. Fear of experience of dying
 - b. Fear of the unknown aspects of what lies beyond
 - c. Fear because the day of our death is unknown
 - d. Fear because death disrupts relationships
2. How were we set free?
 - a. By the proof in the resurrection of Christ that death can be defeated.
 - b. By the propitiating value of the death of Christ
 - (1) Propitiation - removal of the wrath or anger of God against sin
 - c. By the new relationship with God

