

## “Destined to Be Crowned”

Hebrews 2:5-9

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### I. Explanation of Hebrews 2:5-9

A. The “world to come” (i.e. “age to come”) refers to the culminating age of redeemed humanity.

1. The complete in-breaking of this coming age is in the future.
2. But because of Christ’s exaltation, aspects of this age are breaking into our present.

*Hebrews 6:5 - and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come...*

B. The quotation from Ps. 8 shows God’s ultimate plan for mankind.

1. Man was created to rule over all things crowned with glory and honor.
  - a. However, presently, man doesn’t rule over much at all, not even on earth.
  - b. This is, of course, due to humanity’s rebellion.
2. Despite fallen mankind’s failure, Jesus has been exalted to humanity’s ultimate destiny.
  - a. He reigns over all things in heaven and on earth.
  - b. He has been crowned with glory and honor.
  - c. Jesus fulfills God’s original intent for mankind, including ruling over the angels in the “world to come”.



### II. Implications of Hebrews 2:5-9

A. Despite how out of control things appear in this world and in our lives, we must remember that Jesus rules it all.

1. This is meant to be a source of great comfort.
2. Seeing Jesus reigning over all should supply us with peace and strength (Eph. 6:10).

B. Jesus’ present reign also provides with us a sure hope for our future.

1. Christ came into our world not just to be exalted over it according to His humanity...
  - a. He came so that *we* might *share* in His exaltation.
  - b. He came to “bring many sons to glory” (Heb. 2:10).
  - c. Being crowned with glory and honor is our destiny.
2. Our exaltation is already true in principle.

*Ephesians 2:6 - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...*

3. A hope of a future like this should fill us with great courage in the present.
  4. This same hope also reminds us that our present tragedies will not define us forever (and do not need to define us now).
  5. In addition, this hope calls us to put aside aspects of our *present* life that are inconsistent with our *future* glory and honor.
- C. Such incredible blessings have come and will come our way because of God's glorious grace alone.