

“Your Brother Is Proud of You”

Hebrews 2:10-13

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I. Because Jesus is one of us, He had to suffer. (Heb. 2:10-11a)

- A. The “many sons” who are “brought to glory” define the “everyone” from Heb. 2:9 – i.e., the total company of the redeemed.
- B. Jesus was made perfect in the sense that a lifetime of human suffering qualified Him to be a perfect high priest; thus, His suffering was truly “fitting”.

Hebrews 2:17–18 - ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- C. Jesus can act as our salvation-founding, purifying priest because he shares our human nature – which is why he had to suffer as us.

II. Because Jesus is one of us, He’s not ashamed to own us as family. (Heb 2:11b-13)

- A. Jesus is not embarrassed to have believers counted as His brothers (“brothers” in 11b is “brethren”, as in, all the saints - men and women).
- B. Ps. 22:22 foretold that the exalted Christ would own us as family as He leads us into the Father’s presence to worship.
- C. Fulfilling Is. 8:17-18, Jesus as the “Greater and More Faithful Isaiah”, owns believers before the Father as dear children given to Him. (see John 6:37-40, 44-45)
- D. As their “Elder Brother”, Jesus is proud to be family with those He came to save (no matter how imperfect they currently are).