

We need to remember where we left off.

*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. (Hebrews 2:9 NKJV)*

***“The incarnation means God came near; the cross means God paid the cost.”***

*For it was fitting for Him, for whom [are] all things and by whom [are] all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. (Hebrews 2:10 NKJV)*

***“Jesus wasn’t perfected in His nature—He was completed in His mission.”***

The author shows how the suffering of Jesus completed His saving work.

*For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified [are] all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." (Hebrews 2:11-13 NKJV)*

Jesus looks at redeemed sinners and says, “My family.”

*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13 NKJV)*

***“The gospel is not God tolerating you—it’s God adopting you.”***

***“Jesus doesn’t just save you from sin; He brings you into His name.”***

*Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, (Hebrews 2:14 NKJV)*

Jesus defeats death by entering it and coming out the other side.

*And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. "I [am] He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. (Revelation 1:17-18 NKJV)*

Keys represent authority.

*"You are of [your] father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own [resources], for he is a liar and the father of it. (John 8:44 NKJV)*

***“The devil’s loudest threat is death; the gospel’s loudest announcement is an empty tomb.”***

*and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. (Hebrews 2:15-16 NKJV)*

***“Faith doesn’t deny danger; it denies fear the right to rule.”***

***“If death has been defeated, then fear has been evicted.”***

*Therefore, in all things He had to be made like [His] brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things [pertaining] to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. (Hebrews 2:17 NKJV)*

***“Your Savior doesn’t just hear your prayers—He feels your weakness.”***

*For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, [even] Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 NKJV)*

***“The cross is here, God’s justice is satisfied, and God’s mercy is unleashed.”***

***“Jesus didn’t come to make God loving; He came because God already was.”***

*For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (Hebrews 2:18 NKJV)*

This is not theoretical... This is personal.

*For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all [points] tempted as [we are, yet] without sin. (Hebrews 4:15 NKJV)*

If you’re tempted, don’t spiral into condemnation.

*No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God [is] faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear [it]. (1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV)*

***“Temptation isn’t proof you’re failing; it’s proof you’re human—and in a battle.”***

***“Jesus doesn’t only forgive your falls; He empowers your fight.”***

***“The suffering of Jesus didn’t just prove His love—it purchased your life.”***

***“Jesus didn’t suffer so you could admire Him—He suffered so you could come to Him.”***