Sermon Notes

There Is No Reason to Turn Back! An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

#06 – "Christ's Reign Over a Chaotic World" – Hebrews 2:5-9

I. Introduction

- A. Praying "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
 - 1. A necessity because the world is upside down.
 - a. Examples
 - 2. Why is the world so chaotic if Jesus reigns beside the Father?
- B. The Text: Hebrews 2:5-9

II. Exposition

- A. Hebrews 2:5
 - 1. The world to come
 - a. The inhabited world
 - b. Future event
 - 2. Jesus reigns but we are living with the old reality.
- B. Hebrews 2:6-8
 - 1. "One has testified somewhere" not a statement of ignorance. Emphasis is upon the oral transmission of God's Word and not the speaker.
 - 2. Psalm 8 employed
 - a. Harks back to Genesis 1:26
 - b. Note Psalm 8:3-4

- c. Man was created with high dignity, yet note how far he has fallen.
 - 1. Romans 1:21-23
- 3. Man lost his kingship. He dropped the scepter.
- 4. Romans 5:6-8
- C. Hebrews 2:9
 - 1. "But now" or "At present"
 - 2. What the first Adam failed to do, the second Adam succeeded Jesus is the answer to man's problem, and the problem of history.
 - 3. Note Jesus' humiliation.
 - a. Lower than the angels.
 - 4. Note His exaltation
 - a. Because of <u>Active</u> and <u>Passive</u> obedience, He is rewarded.
 - 5. Note "the now and not yet"
 - a. He reigns now, but it is not visible yet.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Man is subjected to nature and death, but are you subjected to Christ?
 - 1. Rev. 20:11-15
- B. The redeemed will reign with Him. The not yet realized.
 - 1. Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:6,8-9; 35:1-2
- C. Make no mistake about it. All things will be subjected to Christ.
 - 1. I Cor. 15:25-27
 - 2. Philippians 2:5-11