

Remember Who You Are

Hebrews 2:5-13

Introduction:

- A. How can we learn that we are confused if we don't know it?
 - 1. If it leads to d_____
 - 2. By an objective o_____
- B. People are often confused about the truth regarding
 - 1. T_____
 - 2. G_____
- C. Today's scripture passage focuses on our dignity
 - 1. Humans were originally created to r_____ God's character and r_____ His creation (Gen 1:26).
 - 2. It is human tendency to f_____ truth related to human dignity.
 - 3. The Hebrew writer quotes Psalm 8:4 which poses the question about the significance of mankind. So, let's learn the s_____ of our dignity.

I must derive dignity from being a s_____ creation of God (5-8)

- A. How mankind compares to angels
 - 1. God did not subject the f_____ world to angels (v. 5)
 - a. The Greek word translated as world means an in_____ world and refers to the New Earth (see Rev 21)
 - b. Believers will r_____ forever and ever on this New Earth (Rev 22:5).
 - 2. God made mankind l_____ than the angels (v. 7a)
 - a. Some translations read, *a l_____ lower than the angels* while other translations read, *a little w_____ lower than the angels*.
 - b. While both are plausible translations, the idea that man is lower than angels for only a little while fits the context better because of verse 5.
 - 3. Only mankind was created in God's i_____ (Gen 1:26)
 - a. This is not a p_____ image since Jesus is in the image of the invisible God (Col 1:15)
 - b. This is a r_____ of God's character in our lives.
- B. The truth that God created human life as a s_____ creation (in His image) can only be known from God's revelation.
 - 1. God put a_____ things in subjection under the feet of mankind.

2. But we p_____ do not see that all things are subjected to mankind. What happened? (the image was lost due to sin)
 - a. Gen 1:26 – God c_____ Adam and Eve in His image
 - b. Col 1:15 – Jesus is the image of the invisible G_____.
 - c. Rom 8:29 – Believers will eventually be c_____ to the image of God’s Son which will be complete when Jesus returns (1Jn 3:2).

I must derive dignity from being in r_____ with Jesus (9-13)

A. The contrast made

1. Verse 8 – we don’t see all things subjected to mankind
2. Verse 9 – we do see J_____
 - a. His suffering of death was a f_____ of history (Jews, Romans, Greeks, Christians, and pagans attested to it.
 - b. Why He suffered can only be known from God’s revelation
 - 1) He t_____ death for everyone.
 - 2) He became the a_____ of everyone’s salvation (v. 10)

B. The dignity given

1. A f_____ gift in Christ (Rom 6:23b; Eph 2:8,9)
2. When we enter into a personal trust relationship with Jesus, He calls us b_____ (v. 11; see also Jn 1:12).

C. Deriving dignity from the wrong source

1. People tend to derive their dignity from:
 - a. Their own a_____
 - b. Their human r_____
2. People tend to confuse
 - a. H_____ with their identity
 - b. D_____ with their identity

D. Deriving dignity from your relationship to Jesus

1. R_____ that you are a loved child of God recreated in Christ to reflect His character
2. Your dignity is e_____ and cannot be taken away by anything or anyone.
3. R_____ God’s character in the hurts, failures, disappointments, etc.

Conclusion:

- A. When it comes to personal dignity, always start with G_____.
- B. The t_____ about your dignity can only be known from God.
- C. Remember who you are!