

Hebrews 1:1 - 4, 2:1 - 18

Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only hope in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins, with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.

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...He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Distraction and attention

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

(Hebrews 2:1 – 3 NIV)

It Is We Humans He Helps

The angels are his helpers,
not the ones he helps.

3 words that unlock
3 key ways he helps us

1. Jesus tasted death
for everyone

Hebrews 2:9

But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:10

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

Hebrews 12:1 - 2

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

"Tasted death"

Pioneered the way through it.

1. Broke the power of judgment through atonement
2. In conquering its questions through resurrection

**2. Suffering made Jesus
the perfect savior for us.**

Perfect

"Perfect" or "perfect for"

Hebrews 2:10 - 14

“In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting [that] (to) God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family.

So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil..."

Hebrews 2:18 (NAS)

For since He Himself was **tempted in that which He has suffered**, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

lit: "For in that in which he suffered, he was tempted/tested..."

**3. Jesus broke the power
that enslaved us by our
fear of death**

Hebrews 2:14 - 15

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”

Job 2:3 - 5

“There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.”

"Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

So what do we do?

Pay more careful attention.

The freedom is in the details.

Jesus is HIMSELF the high Priest.