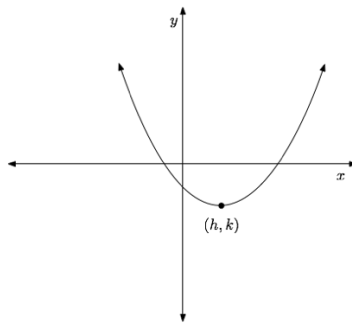


**Teaching – Hebrews 2:10-18**  
**Sermon – Was Jesus a Navy Seal?**  
**Date – July 25, 2021**

In chapter two we receive an explanation for why it was necessary for Jesus, “the Son” for at least a while, to assume a position “lower than the angels.” (v.9)

- God made Jesus the Pioneer/Leader of Salvation through Suffering! And it is fitting that he should suffer, for by his suffering, he is made perfect. (v.10)
- He did this to bring many children to glory, (which is a reference to heaven). (v.10)
- For Jesus, through his suffering and death, sanctifies us and makes us holy. (v.11)
- And because of that, he is not ashamed to call us his brothers and sisters. (v.11)

We also receive a recitation of the “Parabola of Salvation”. This identifies Jesus’ solidarity with the human condition by illustrating his position as God from the beginning of creation, through his incarnation as the Son, on earth, his suffering and death, and by his glorification at the right hand of God.



Above line X is Heaven and below line X is Earth.

- In the Upper left quadrant, you have The Son who was with the Father and the Spirit, the instrument of creation (John 1). This is the expression of the glory of God.
- In the lower right quadrant (h, k) you have The Son in whom creation is redeemed, for a while lower than the angels, suffering death, the Pioneer of Salvation, the Commando who liberated the slaves and the High Priest who makes sacrifice for the people of God.
- In the upper right quadrant, you have the Resurrected Son, who is the heir of all things, who is seated at the right hand of God, Superior to the Angels, Crowned with glory and honor.

The problem for us is that we live below the line. All we can see is the bottom half of the parabola of Salvation, in which we live, human history. We cannot see what is above the line. It is hidden from sight, and it is hence a danger to our faith.

This is also illustrated by Scripture in this beautiful sermon called the book of Hebrews. In vv. 12-13.

- The first quote from Psalm 22:22 is in the future tense and communicates the Son’s plan prior to creation. (2:12). “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.”

- The second reference is from Isaiah 8:17, “I will place my trust in him.” (v.13) This speaks of Jesus being one with the human condition, placing his trust in God like we do.
- The third quote is from Isaiah 8:18 and pronounces the Son’s victory over death, seated at the right hand of God, announcing that the faithful are redeemed. (2:13) “Here am I and the children God has given me.”

Even though we cannot see heaven and Jesus seated at the right hand of God in glory, we have faith because Jesus became like us in every respect that he might be a faithful and merciful high priest. (v.17)

- He was tested by what he suffered so that he could be a help to us as we are tested and experience suffering. (v.18)

#### Questions

1. Have you tried to sanctify yourself (make yourself holy and acceptable to God)? If so, how is that going?
2. Do you think it is fair for Christians to have to suffer, if Jesus suffered for us? Why? or Why not?
3. What is something that you have suffered from and from which you have grown?
4. The author of Hebrews seems to use a lot of Old Testament quotations. What do you think is the reason?
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