

THE WORLD TO COME

Hebrews 2:5-9 — *"For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."*

THE PRESENT EVIL WORLD

- 2 Corinthians 4:4, Satan the god of it
 - See also Ephesians 2:2, 6:12
- Galatians 1:4, the Christian delivered from it.
- Matthew 13:37-50, it will have an end

THE END OF THE WORLD

- "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world", Matthew 24:3
- The Son of Man coming in glory, Matthew 25:31
- The prophecy of the Son of Man, Daniel 7:13-14, 27
- Matthew 28:18-20, "the Great Commission", all power in heaven and in earth is given unto me
- Revelation 11:15, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our God, and of His Christ" — Remember Psalm 2
- The coming of the Lord, Revelation 19:11-16, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10
- 1 Timothy 6:13-16
- See why context matters. Hebrews 9:26. *"but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself"*
 - The end of the world here is not the same end of the world as Matthew 24:3, even though the words in both English and Greek are the same. The sense is different.
 - In Matthew 24 the sense is when Christ returns to set things right and take control of "the kingdoms of this world"
 - In Hebrews 9, the sense is the end of God's old order, or the end of the old testament.
 - Word studies are helpful, English, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, etc. Understanding the Bible is helped by them, but it is more important to understand what is the Bible saying.
 - Words have meanings, but so do phrases, sentences, and paragraphs; they get their meaning from understanding what the author is speaking of.

A CHANGING OF MANAGEMENT

- Luke 2:1, "all the world", i.e., all the empire
- The world to come, a new world order. Man's schemes for a new world order vs. God's plans for a new world order.
- Man created for dominion over the earth, Genesis 1:26
- Psalm 8 — the created order — Hebrews 2 — the present order — 1 Corinthians 15:24-28 — the ultimate order

WE SEE NOT YET...

- In the present world, we see man struggling under the weight of the groaning creation, Romans 8:18-23
- Man created for dominion over God's creation, but now man toils and labors to try and dominate the creation but is ultimately covered by the dirt, and becomes the dirt that he was created from as the earth dominates him.
- But it will not stay that way. "We see Jesus", the ultimate "Man among men".
- Made a little lower than the angels. See also Philippians 2:6-11
- "Crowned with glory and honour". The sense is that He was made man, comparing with the quotation of Psalm 8.

CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS

- "That He by the grace of God should taste death for every man"
 - For whom did Christ die? Romans 5:6-11
 - Do all benefit potentially?
 - Do all benefit actually?
 - Do you benefit?

1 Corinthians 15:47-58 — *"The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."*

"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The Maker of the Universe

Poem by Frederick William Pitt (1859-1943)

The maker of the universe,
as man for man was made a curse:
The claims of laws which He had made,
unto the uttermost He paid.

His holy fingers made the bough
which grew the thorns that crowned His brow:
The nails that pierced His feet were mined
in secret places He designed.

He made the forests where there sprung,
the tree on which His body hung:
He died upon a cross of wood,
yet made the hill on which it stood.

The sky that darkened o'er His head,
by Him above the earth was spread:
The sun that hid from Him his face,
by His decree was poised in space.

The spear revealing precious blood
was tempered in the fires of God:
The grave in which His form was laid,
was hewn in rock which He had made.

The throne on which He now appears
was His from everlasting years:
But a new glory crowns His brow,
and every knee to Him must bow.