

For Us

Sunday December 20, 2015

Hebrews 2:5-18

Death

Life Beyond this Life

- The world to come (5)
- Taste Death for Everyone (9)
- Bringing Sons and Daughters to Glory (10)
- Free ... Fear of Death

Incarnation

- Echoes of Gen 3 – Satan, Temptation, Death
- Death the Consequence of Sin
- Jesus “tasted” Death For Us

Until Then

In the Meantime ...

- There is temptation
- There is suffering
- There is help!

Incarnation

- Made like them – Fully Human (17)
- Therefore he can help us

A Bigger Picture

Restore the Original Plan

- Psalm 8 – Echoes of Gen 1 – Human Purpose
- More than “Living Forever”
- God’s Dream Accomplished
- Sons and Daughters – Partners with God

Incarnation

- Jesus the “true Human” – This is our Purpose
- Jesus the Pioneer – What Humans will be
- Catch the Dream!

Advent Pondering

An Invitation

We will focus on **Hebrews 2:5-18** during our worship services over Advent for this year. I intend to thoughtfully read this passage every day during the Advent season. I would invite you to join me in this, reading the passage each day, or as often as is practical for you.

In addition to pondering this passage I will pass along some classic Christian Advent prayers that you can use as well.

Third Sunday of Advent – A Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – A Collect

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.