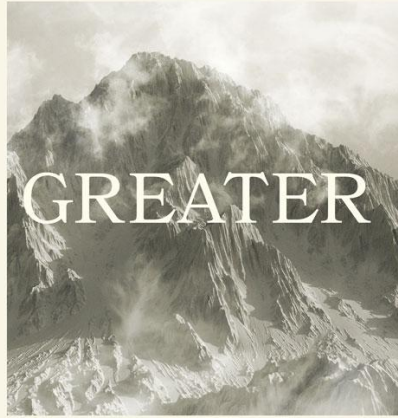


THEREFORE, HOLY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
WHO SHARE IN THE HEAVENLY CALLING, FIX YOUR
THOUGHTS ON JESUS, WHOM WE ACKNOWLEDGE AS
OUR APOSTLE AND HIGH PRIEST. HE WAS FAITHFUL
TO THE ONE WHO APPOINTED HIM, JUST AS MOSES
WAS FAITHFUL IN ALL GOD'S HOUSE. JESUS HAS
BEEN FOUND WORTHY OF GREATER HONOR THAN
MOSES, JUST AS THE BUILDER OF A HOUSE HAS

JESUS is GREATER

GREATER HONOR THAN THE HOUSE ITSELF. FOR
EVERY HOUSE IS BUILT BY SOMEONE, BUT GOD IS
THE BUILDER OF EVERYTHING. "MOSES WAS FAITHFUL
AS A SERVANT IN ALL GOD'S HOUSE," BEARING
WITNESS TO WHAT WOULD BE SPOKEN BY GOD
IN THE FUTURE. BUT CHRIST IS FAITHFUL AS THE
SON OVER GOD'S HOUSE. AND WE ARE HIS HOUSE.
IF INDEED WE HOLD FIRMLY TO OUR CONFIDENCE
AND THE HOPE IN WHICH WE GLORY.



HEBREWS



The GraceLife Family
Hebrews 2:6-13

Hebrews 2:6-13 (NIV)

But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect

through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation 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."

I. Our Family Placement

Verse 11 – "Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family"

John 1:12-13 (NIV)

"To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision, but born of God"

- We are Crowned with God's Glory

Psalms 139:13-17 (NIV)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!



- We are Condemned with Sin's Guilt

Verse 8 – "Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him."

Romans 5:12 (NIV)

“Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.”

- We are Changed by God’s Grace

Verse 9 – “But we see Jesus now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”

Romans 5:15-17 (NIV)

For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ...the gift of God followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.



II. Our Family Provisions

- Sanctified by the Savior

Verse 11 – Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

Hebrews 10:10 (NIV)

“...we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

- Singing with the Saints

Verse 12 – He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises."

John MacArthur

"The Spirit-filled life produces music. Whether he has a good voice or cannot carry a tune, the Spirit-filled Christian is a singing Christian. Nothing is more indicative of a fulfilled life, a contented soul, and a happy heart than the expression of song."

- Faithfulness from the Father

Verse 13 – And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

- Fearless about the Future

Verse 10 – "In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God...should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering."

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JAPAN'S RENT-A-FAMILY INDUSTRY

People who are short on relatives can hire a husband, a mother, a grandson. The resulting relationships can be more real than you'd expect.

By Elif Batuman

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