

God is Able: A Walk through the book of Hebrews  
God is Able to Identify with us Hebrews 2:5-18  
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**Big Idea:** God is able to identify with us because Jesus cared enough to become a man, pay the penalty for our sins, and to bring real help in our trials.

Hebrews 2:5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. 6 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? 7 You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor 8 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. 9 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. 10 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. 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. 12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil-- 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for

the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

God is able to identify with us because:

I. God is deeply \_\_\_\_\_ about the state of mankind.

Hebrews 2:5 God didn't put angels in charge of this business of salvation that we're dealing with here 6 It says in Scripture, What is man and woman that you bother with them; why take a second look their way? (The Message)

Job 7:17 "What is man that you make so much of him, that you give him so much attention,

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness,

Psalms 8:4 what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

**Our Response:** Draw a straight line. Place man underneath the line and angels above the line. After suffering through this life, Jesus is exalted above all the angels. When someone cares about you, they will find ways to identify with you and vice-versa.

II. Jesus pioneered the way to \_\_\_\_\_ us from our sins.

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Hebrews 1:13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

Revelation 5:13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

John 8:52 At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death.

I Peter 2:3 Now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**Further Study:** We know that Jesus tasted death for every man. Will everyone be saved because of this sacrifice? Read I Timothy 4:10, Eph. 5:25-27, Titus 2:14, John 10:15, 11:52, 17:9, I John 2:2, Acts 20:28, Revelation 1:5, 5:9.

III. Jesus makes us worthy to be in His \_\_\_\_\_.

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IV. Jesus can bring the \_\_\_\_\_ we need when we need it.

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1 Corinthians 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is *death*.

1 Corinthians 1:28 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-- and the things that are not-- to *nullify* the things that are,

Luke 7:16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to *help* his people."

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore he is able to *save completely* those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (John 10:29)

2 Timothy 1:12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able *to guard* what I have entrusted to him for that day.

**Our Response:** Trust in Jesus... God loves you so much that He would send His one and only Son to become man to redeem us

from our sinful condition. As you trust in Him, He will bring the help you need to face your trials.