

The Demise of Death
Series: The Supremacy of Jesus
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As we study the second chapter of Hebrews, we will discover that God is repeatedly saying that we matter very much to him, that we are significant, and that it is a magnificent and wonderful thing to be human.

MORE EXAMPLES OF THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS:

1. VICTORY OVER DEATH

Hebrews 2:14-16 (NLT) Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—Jesus also became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. We all know that Jesus came to help the descendants of Abraham, not to help the angels.

Jesus' death undermined the power of the devil.

Jesus' death became our unique hope for avoiding the penalty of death ourselves.

It was through sin, brought about by the temptation of the devil, that death entered the world.

Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT) But the Lord God gave [man] this warning: 'You may freely eat any fruit in the garden except fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat of its fruit, you will surely die.'

The defeat of the devil means the setting free of those he held sway over, those who had been gripped by the fear of death.

Jesus became a man so that those who believe in him might have a sure hope of life, a life whose best lies beyond the grave

2. VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION

Hebrews 2:17-18 (NLT) Therefore, it was necessary for Jesus to be in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. He then could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Since he himself has gone through suffering and temptation, he is able to help us when we are being tempted.

Jesus understands the power of temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT) But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.

CONCLUSION:

The death of Jesus is the means...

- A. by which the power of the devil and the fear of our own death are overcome.
- B. by which we find the strength to be free from the bondage of temptation.