

I. Introduction and review.

II. Jesus' suffering qualifies Him to represent us. v. 10

A. Jesus' suffering for us was sovereignly ordained *by God and for God.*

1. God is the Cause of all things. Eph. 1:11 Rom. 8:28
2. God is the goal of all things. Rom. 11:33-36 Rev. 4:11
3. God the Father is the ultimate cause of the Son's affliction. Isa. 53:10 Ps. 22:1 Mark 14:36 15:34 Acts 2:23
4. The goal of the Son's suffering is the glory of God.
5. Everything in your life, including suffering, is ordained by God for His glorious purpose. Gen. 50:20 Rom. 8:28 Heb. 11:24-26 10:32-34

B. How can it be *fitting* that God the Son suffer as a human being?

1. To many, the incarnation and the cross seem most inappropriate. I Co. 1:22-23
2. God's plan of salvation is perfectly suitable for us in our plight.
3. It was necessary that God the Son become man in order to represent men. 2:17
4. It was necessary that Jesus suffer death in our place that we might be cleansed from sin and set free from death. 2:9,14 1:3
5. God's plan of salvation is completely consistent with his attributes.
6. There is no other *fitting* way to save humanity.
7. It is fitting because this way of salvation brings God the greatest glory.
8. All other notions of salvation are unfitting! Rom. 3:20 Gal. 1:6-9

C. In what sense was Jesus *made perfect* through His sufferings?

1. This cannot refer to removal of any moral guilt or character flaw. 4:15 II Co. 5:21
2. It could be a reference to how He successfully passed the test of suffering. 5:8-9
3. Probably our author means that Jesus is qualified through suffering to serve as our High Priest. 2:17 5:9-10 7:28 8:1 Ex. 29:9,29,33,35 Lev. 4:5 8:33 Num. 3:3

D. Jesus is the *Captain* (Author, Pioneer) of His people.

1. He is portrayed as a great hero and deliverer.
2. He is the second Moses who leads a multitude to the Promised Land. Isa. 52:12 Ex. 3:8,17 6:6-8 7:4-5
3. Our Champion binds Satan, releasing his captives. 2:14-15 Lu. 11:21-22
4. Jesus did not merely speak about salvation, he achieved salvation.

E. He leads *many sons to glory.*

1. He Who is THE Son by nature and right has made us God's adopted sons. 1:5 12:5-8 Rom. 8:15-17,29 Gal. 4:5-7
2. Who has the right to be called His son (daughter)? 2:9 John 1:12-13
3. He does not just save a few, but a great multitude. Isa. 53:11 Mark 10:45 Rev. 7:9
4. By His work (alone!), we enter God's kingdom.
5. We finally achieve the glory and dominion for which God designed us. 2:7 Ps. 8:6

III. Jesus has fully identified with us. v. 11-13

A. He calls us His brethren. v. 11

1. He sanctifies us by His blood, making us fit for God's presence. 9:13f 10:10 13:12
2. Astonishingly, He is not ashamed to be identified with us. v. 11 11:16 Mt. 28:10

3. We are all from *one*. One what?
 4. To whom does *all* refer? 2:11,9,13 9:15
 5. He partakes of our nature that we might partake of His. II Pe. 1:4 Col. 2:10
- B. Our author proves his point by quotes from the Old Testament which declares the union of the Messiah with His people. v. 12-13 Ps. 22:22 Isa. 8:17-18
- C. The Messiah declares the LORD's Name to His brethren. v. 12 Ps. 22:22
1. Psalm 22 is a graphic portrayal of the suffering (crucifixion) of the Messiah.
 - a. The righteous sufferer pleads with God for deliverance.
 - b. This is another Psalm in which David, in speaking of his own distress, looks beyond his situation to the Messiah. Ps. 22:1-21
 - c. Jesus quotes this Psalm from the cross. Ps. 22:1-2 Mark 15:34 Mt. 27
 - d. Several elements of Jesus' suffering are specifically foretold. Ps. 22:7-8,16-18 Mark 15:24 John 19:23-24,31-36 Mt. 27:35,39-43
 2. The triumphant Messiah proclaims God's name to his brethren (us). Ps. 22:22f
 3. He leads us in singing praise to God. Mt. 26:30 Eph. 5:19 Col. 3:16 Acts 16:25
 4. In what sense does Christ proclaim God's great Name to (and sing with) His brethren today? John 10:27 Eph. 2:17 Isa. 57:19 Rom. 10:14 Rev. 1:13
- D. The suffering Messiah trusts God. v. 13a Isa. 8:17
1. The context in Isaiah is pregnant with Messianic references. Is. 8:14-15 7:14 9:6-7
 2. Though judgment is coming, Isaiah trusts the LORD. v. 13a Isa. 8:7-8,16-17
 3. Jesus also trusted God while enduring undeserved suffering. I Pe. 2:23 John 1:11
 4. In having to trust the Father while suffering, he shares our humanity.
- E. The Messiah has children who also remain faithful to God. v. 13b Isa. 8:18
1. God gave Isaiah faithful children (disciples). v. 13b Isa. 8:18a,16b
 2. Jesus also has faithful children (us). Isa. 53:10
 3. We preserve and proclaim his Word. Isa. 8:16 Heb. 1:1-3 I John 1:1f
 4. God gave spiritual children to Jesus. Jo. 17:9,6,2,24 6:37,39 10:29 1:12-13
 5. Jesus will not lose even one child for whom He died! Isa. 53:10-11 Jo. 17:12

IV. Concluding applications.

Discussion questions

1. Why is God the Father described as He is in verse 10?
2. How can it be fitting for the glorious Messiah to suffer death?
3. What was God seeking to accomplish through the suffering of Jesus?
4. In what sense was Jesus perfected through sufferings?
5. Why does our author quote from Psalm 22 and Isaiah 8?
6. How is Jesus' situation like that of David in Psalm 22?
7. How is Jesus' situation like that of the Prophet Isaiah?
8. In what way does Jesus proclaim God's Name to His brethren today?
9. Who are the children God gave Jesus? When were they given?
10. How does this passage help you face suffering?