

“THE DIVINE ORDER”

Hebrews 2:5-13

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Have you ever looked at the sky with all the stars shining brilliantly? Have you ever wondered how it is that they are all so orderly placed? Yes, it is absolutely true, nobody can look at the sky, with all the stars, without awe and wonder. What an order there is!

Have you ever watched a mother bird care for her young? Have you seen how carefully she goes about it? There again is order in nature.

Scientists tell us there is order in the universe around us down to the finest detail. But then, there is also some disorder. Where is the disorder? Oh, with the human family; with man something has gone wrong. There's where the disorder is found.

I bring you to Hebrews 2:5-13 to consider **THE DIVINE ORDER**.

5. For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

6. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7. Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour; and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8. Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

9. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12. Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

Here is what I call divine order. The development of the divine order is revealed through several well marked **STAGES**.

THE SUBJECTION OF THE WORLD is the necessary first stage in the divine order. I turn to the first book of the Bible, Genesis, chapter 1, and I find there that when God created Adam, He gave him right of dominion over the fish, over the fowl (the bird), over the cattle, and over the creeping things. He said to Adam, “Have dominion.” This was the intention of God in the creation of the first man. But, Adam lost it; he lost it in the Garden of Eden.

The Son of God, in the incarnation, regained that dominion. Our text says God has not put the world to come in subjection to angels. The Son of God, in the incarnation, now has that right. He put all things under him. God put His Son over the works of His hands.

When Jesus was here on earth, according to the records in the Gospels, He had command over disease, over death, over devils, and over the forms and power of nature. He was in complete control.

Now we do not yet see all things put in subjection to Him. But by the very fact that God pronounced that truth here in the beginning means that a day is coming when all things will be under Him. By the fact that He put all in subjection under Him means He left nothing that was not subjected.

Here then is the first stage, the subjection of the world.

THE PERFECTION OF THE CAPTAIN is an important stage in the unfolding of the divine order. This is a sublime mystery. We see Jesus made a little lower than the angels. The Creator became the creature, lower than the angels. Angels are created beings with no possibility of redemption. They are created in their state now. Those who have fallen from their state are beyond redemption. The Bible makes that clear to us.

So the object of this sublime mystery was that He should, by the grace of God, taste death for every man, redeemable man, the redeemable creature. It is a substitution unmatched. The Creator tasted death for the creature. That is a sublime mystery.

There is also a sublime method in the perfection of the Captain. He “for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.” That’s a sublime method. He stands apart, aloof and free from all things, yet He is the source and power of all things. And that this One should be made perfect through suffering is a sublime mystery and a sublime method. The perfect One was perfected by testings.

THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BROTHERS is a responding stage in the unfolding of the divine order. This comes about through sanctification. Sanctification means to be made holy. The unholy is made holy by the act of God, for He is the One who sanctifies, and they are the ones who are sanctified. Without God’s acts of sanctification there would be no hope. But once He has made holy those who are unholy, then the One who sanctifies and the ones who are sanctified are one. Praise the Lord! We are accepted as brothers when the sanctifier has sanctified us. Then we are one with Him.

That acceptance comes also through declaration, for He said, “I will declare thy name unto my brothers, in the midst of the church will I sing praise to Thee.” So we are called His brothers. What a lift that is! From being an outcast to being a brother. This is the way He accepts us. He brings us into the family of God, for He said, “Behold I and the children which God has given me.” Isn’t that wonderful? To be accepted as a brother of Jesus! That’s the third stage in the divine order, the reordering of the disorder, which brings outcasts into the family of God as brothers.

The development of the divine order then comes in three definite stages: first, the subjection of the world; second, the perfection of the Captain; and third, the acceptance of the brothers.

My friend, God has done it. Now it is up to you. What do you do with this? When you believe, then the divine order becomes established in your life, and you can be accepted as a brother of Jesus.