

"GOD BRINGING HIS SONS TO GLORY"**Introduction**

1. Compare Hebrews 1 and 2
2. Note the Psalm references
3. The whole Bible is in this verse!

1. THE WAY WE ARE TO THINK OF GOD

- 1) A picture of God: "For whom...by whom...all things"
 - (i) "for whom": God has done all for his glory
 - (ii) "by whom": all things are done, by one means or another, through God's will
 - Good things: directly
 - Evil things: indirectly

OBSERVE: God is Alpha and Omega – first and last.
- 2) So Paul in Rom. 11:36: "of...through...to":

Similarly:

 - (i) of: origin
 - (ii) through: agency
 - (iii) to: for the sake of God

APPLICATION: Pray to live in the spirit of this truth about God.

2. THE SUPREMELY WONDERFUL ACT OF GOD'S LOVE

- 1) "To make the Captain of our salvation perfect through sufferings":
 - (i) the reference is to Christ
 - (ii) how Christ is Captain of our salvation
 - (iii) in what sense Christ was "made perfect"
 - (iv) the means of this: "sufferings"
- 2) God always acts in a way which is consistent with his own character: "it became (befitted) him". (Explain).

3) Let us learn:

- (i) our salvation is all of grace
 - (ii) God not obliged to save us
 - (iii) But, if we are to be saved, it must be by the way of Christ's suffering.
- OBSERVE**: We speak of "consequent absolute necessity"

3. THE MARVELLOUS FRUIT OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS

- 1) "Bringing many sons to glory":
 - (i) we have to be made "sons". How?
 - (ii) we need to be in a state of grace
 - (iii) we must come to a state of glory
 - (iv) God's gracious purpose is to bring us to this glory
- 2) Heaven will be most wonderful:
 - (i) it is a place of glory
 - (ii) it will be full of people
 - (iii) we shall all be sons of God
 - (iv) Christ will see us all home
- 3) How grateful we should be!
 - (i) for the love of God towards us
 - (ii) for the sufferings of the Saviour
 - (iii) for the brothers who are with us in this life
 - (iv) that all is consistent with the glory of God.

CONCLUSION

No wonder they cry, "Alleluia"!

PSALM

97: 1 – 7

45²: 13 – 17

96: 10 -13