

Hebrews 2:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The comprehensive scope of 'subjected all things' (Greek 'panta hypetaksas') allows no exceptions - all creation is under Christ's authority. The phrase 'we do not yet see all things subjected' acknowledges the 'already/not yet' tension of Reformed eschatology. Christ reigns now, but full manifestation of His reign awaits the parousia. This prevents both triumphalism and defeatism.

Historical Context

The delay between Christ's enthronement and visible universal submission would have troubled early Christians expecting immediate consummation. The author addresses this by affirming both present reality and future hope.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain hope when Christ's reign is not yet visibly complete in your circumstances?
2. What areas of your life need to be more fully subjected to Christ's lordship?

Interlinear Text

πάντα ὑποτεταγμένα· ὑποκάτω τῶν ποδῶν αὐτῷ ἐν
all Thou hast put under G3588 feet him in
G3956 G5293 G5270 G4228 G846 G1722

γὰρ τῷ ὑποτεταγμένα· αὐτῷ τὰ πάντα οὐδὲν ἀφῆκεν
For G3588 Thou hast put him G3588 all nothing he left
G1063 G5293 G846 G3956 G3762 G863

αὐτῷ ἀνυπότακτον νῦν δὲ οὕπω ὅρῶμεν αὐτῷ τὰ
him that is not put under now But not yet we see him G3588
G846 G506 G3568 G1161 G3768 G3708 G846

πάντα ὑποτεταγμένα·
all Thou hast put
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Additional Cross-References

John 13:3 (Parallel theme): Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

Psalms 8:6 (Parallel theme): Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet;

1 Corinthians 15:27 (Parallel theme): For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

Daniel 7:14 (Parallel theme): And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is

an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

1 Peter 3:22 (Parallel theme): Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Revelation 1:18 (Parallel theme): I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Hebrews 1:13 (Parallel theme): But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Revelation 1:5 (Parallel theme): And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Hebrews 2:5 (Parallel theme): For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

Psalms 2:6 (Parallel theme): Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

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