

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

LESSON 10

The Great High Priest

1. 4:14 - Our Profession

- a. "his Son" - 1:2; "son of man" - 2:6; "son of God" - 4:14
- b. High priest requires lower priests, Israel's standing, and a relationship to law - 7:12
- c. What is their profession? 3:1, 3:6, 4:1, 4:11, 4:14, 10:23
- d. Notice what must be confessed in 1 John 4:2-3, 4:15; 2 John 7; Rom 10:9-10
- e. They needed to confess Jesus was Christ - Matt 10:32, John 12:42, Rev 3:5
- f. He was the sent one who needed received, the high priest who gave himself
- g. A priest represents others before God - Heb 2:17, Exo 19:22

2. 4:15 - Yet Without Sin

- a. "cannot be touched" - "holier than thou" Isa 65:5; John 9:34, 18:19
- b. God did not send his Son to condemn the world - John 3:17, 5:45, 12:47-48
- c. "with our infirmities" - he heals them - Matt 8:17, Isa 53:4
- d. The important doctrine about Christ - he was man, yet without sin (and sins)
- e. A sinner would need a higher priest before the God of Heb 4:12-13
- f. Jesus is impeccable, because Jesus is God - Phil 2:6-7, Rom 8:3
- g. He was not a sinner. He was tempted without sin - Jam 1:14, Rom 7:23
- h. His temptation was like Israel's in the wilderness - Matt 4, 1 John 2:15-17

3. 4:16 - The Throne of Grace

- a. "throne of grace" if they keep the profession, else it is a throne of judgment
- b. There is a throne of judgment where the king sits - Prov 20:8-9
- c. This matches the mercy seat of the temple - Exo 25:17-22, Lev 16:13-15, Heb 9:5
- d. They can come boldly, because of their high priest - he is greater than Aaron
- e. They are trying to "obtain mercy" - Matt 5:7, Jam 2:13, Jude 21; we have grace now

4. 5:1-8 - Christ, the High Priest

- a. A priest taken from men is of men, and for men, but ordained of God.
- b. Priests are not elevated men - they are ordained reps in service to God (religion)
- c. "compassion on the ignorant" - Num 15:39-31, Luke 23:34, and Acts 3:17
- d. Christ was ordained of God as a priest - Ps 2:7 and Ps 110:4
- e. He was God, who was made man, ordained a priest, and made a perfect Saviour
- f. "learned he obedience" - The cross reference is Phil 2:8 and Heb 2:10
- g. Jesus was not ignorant of what he was doing, he died to partake of human suffering, God's wrath, and be a faithful and merciful high priest - Heb 2:14-17