

Enter His Rest

Hebrews 4:14-16

Sermon Outline

A. Don't Let Go (vs. 14):

1. Since we have – Jesus being our High Priest is a continuous blessing we can count on and cling to.
2. A great high priest (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6) – Jesus remains in the presence of God superior over all high priest.
3. Passed through – Jesus passed into the heavens in the sight of His disciples (Acts 1:9-11) so this is a pass completed action that is taking place in our present reality.
4. Heaven – The heavens are God's resting place. It is a place that is holy, where angels reside and a place where Christ sits at the right hand of God making intercession for us (Hebrews 8:1-2).
5. Jesus the Son of God – Our High Priest is human because He is the begotten Son of God.
6. To hold fast – We must continually, no matter the trials or opposition (10:32-39) not allow our faith to slip.
7. Confession – We must cling by recognizing our public profession of faith with a strong determination to maintain it.

B. Christ Feels Our Pain (vs. 15):

1. We do not have – Just like we continuously do have a faithful High Priest, we most certainly do not have a High Priest who cannot identify with our pain.
2. A great high priest (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6) – Jesus remains in the presence of God superior over all high priest.
3. Who cannot sympathize – There is absolutely no way that Jesus Christ, the Son of God cannot feel the depth of our affections.
4. Weakness – Jesus can feel the depth of our affections, the lack of strength we may have in the midst of persecutions so that we can produce results, bring about change which can cause us to become timid and lose our confidence.
5. Tempted — In the past Christ was completely tried only to demonstrate presently that He knew no sin and He stand approved by God to be the very nature of God.
6. Tempted in all things – Satan sought to test Christ character in every possible way. The focus of 'all things' mean throughout the totality of all Christ did and who He was on earth.
7. Yet without sin – Christ never possessed the thought or the desire to

willfully, intentionally disobey God.

C. Trust Him Because He Cares (vs. 16):

1. Therefore, draw near; Come – Therefore we must bring our difficulties, pains or anguish to Christ by continually coming before Him.
2. Confidence (Luke 11:1-13)--- We must come before God fearless, no hesitation or anxiety choosing to hold fast our profession of faith unwaveringly believing God to be faithful to His promises.
3. Throne of Grace; favor – Coming fearlessly and with boldness before God, in the midst of pain and misery, is to experience His bountiful free-hearted, generosity that would be spontaneously provided to us.
4. Receive mercy – When we come in respect of God’s majesty and authority, His throne, but do so fearless and with boldness we not only receive His bountiful love we also receive His kindness towards us so that we are not punished for the sins we may have committed.
5. Found help – Christ carefully scrutinizes our needs and provides us support like the rope tied around the bow of a ship when it seems like it is going to break to pieces in a storm.
6. Need - The direct purpose for Christ helping us is to give us favor in a time of need.