

Christ is our High Priest

Sermon 12 in the Hebrews Series

Heb. 4:14-16

I. He is our Great High Priest v. 14

A. Jesus is GREATER -- Proven in two ways

1. He has passed into the heavens.
2. He is the very Son of God.

B. Four Points from John Owen .

1. Before sin there was no need for the office of priest
2. Sin coming into the world, made the immediate and personal worship of God an impossibility.
3. For true worship to be restored to the earth, it now became necessary for someone to “interpose between sinners and the Holy God”.
4. A priest stands between God and sinners for the people he represents.

II. Hold Fast your Confession v. 14b

■ *homologia* Lit. To say the same thing. It has to do with a public declaration.

“to express openly one’s allegiance to a proposition or person”

“To profess, to confess, confession”

We saw this word already in **3:1**.

They must confess CHRIST in a hostile world.

Their profession/confession is their allegiance to Christ and the things they had learned from the Apostles. **2:1**

III. The Characteristics of our Great High Priest v. 15

A. He is Sympathetic

He can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities.
He does know.
He does feel.
He does sympathize.
And He can do all of this without ever having sinned.

B. He was Tempted and Triumphant

See 2:17-18
Companion verse to 4:15b -7:26

He knows the full extent of what it means to be human.
He had no inward principle of sin.

When we willingly sin, we open doors to specific temptations that we before never faced.

He knows temptation is.
He sees it with perfect eyes.
He knows it for the evil it is.
He has felt the penalty that sin deserves.

IV. He is Accessible v.16

A. We can come BOLDLY.

Eph. 3:12 --*In whom we have **boldness** and **access with confidence** through faith in Him.*

B. We will obtain Mercy, Grace and Strength