

## Hebrews 4:12-16

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**Topic:** This is one of the most neglected books of the bible. We don't know who the author is, but we do know it was written for the instruction of the temple before 70 A.D. It is to the Jews what the book of Romans is to the Gentiles. Hebrews tells of sacrifices and rituals and exalts the sovereignty of Christ. It tells his relation to Moses and Abraham and all those people. This is why the Book of Hebrews is so great. The message of Hebrews is this: to go on to spiritual maturity. Don't sit back on your laurels; get up and do something for the Lord, spread the word, help someone who doesn't ask but you see they need it. This lesson this morning is to believers, not unbelievers. If any nonbelievers are listening, though, don't turn it off. Anyone who is not a Christian, listen to what you're going to miss if you don't accept Lord Jesus Christ into your heart as your savior.

**Vs12:** "Quick" means "alive". Only the word of God is alive, described as an offensive weapon. "Soul" means "alive", "full of life", like any living being. "Spirit" is what man has, not animals. When we die, our SPIRIT goes to heaven. The soul just stops, runs out of energy, and does not go to heaven. "Is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" – every action you take is for a reason, and God knows the reason, good or wicked.

**Vs13:** nothing is hidden from God. Everything is transparent to God. We can hide our secrets from other men, but not God. He knows all, and He's going to judge that someday.

Now, for a change of views. This scripture here, Hebrews 4:14 through the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter is about Jesus Christ. Prophet tells people what God wants them to know. Priest presents man before God. King rules.

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Christ is prophet, priest, and king. If you have something you want to confess, tell Jesus. These days, the term "Jesus Christ" is being forbidden to utter in public, like schools and businesses. We can say "God", "Lord", but not Jesus Christ.

**Vs14:** Jesus is in heaven. Change "profession" to "confession". Hold on to your confession. The Hebrews were sliding back to their old ways, so they were told to hold on.

**Vs15:** We are being told we have a high priest right there in heaven, He knows our feelings, He knows what we are going through because He went through all that we go through. Jesus Christ was tempted with all that we are tempted with, but He did not sin. He couldn't sin because He has the nature of God, not man.

**Vs16:** We can come to Jesus "boldly", with assurance that Jesus is there to represent us, and confess our sins to the Lord and obtain mercy. We never reach a plane of spiritual purity on this Earth, but we will not reach it in this life because we have a contaminated human nature. But Jesus will tell God how we tried to live right and good, and exactly how hard it is for us, because Jesus lived through it Himself.

## Chapter 5

**Vs1:** the priests that God chose here on earth are set aside to accept gifts and sacrifices for sins on His behalf.

**Vs2:** "Ignorance" means low level of spiritual maturity. "Out of the way" means those that have been lead astray, those who don't understand all the details about the Word of God. "he himself also is compassed with infirmity" means the priest himself has to make a gift and sacrifice, too, because he is surrounded by his own sin just like everybody else.

**Vs3:** Priests are not exempt from sin and having to confess and give God gifts and sacrifices.

**Vs4-5:** God chooses His priests. You don't just go up and say "I am going to be priest for God."

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**Vs6-7:** Christ, when He was in the flesh, offered prayers and supplications with tears. But there was no other way to die for our sins. When Christ was being tortured and lead up to the cross, He could've spoken the word and killed those soldiers, but He didn't. He stayed focused on what He came here to do: die for our sins.

**Vs8:** by the things that He suffered, He learned obedience. He suffered everything that we suffer as a human. What He learned was exactly what we go through every day. There is nothing like talking to someone about an issue that they have already been through themselves.

**Vs9:** being made perfect, He was complete in the task He was given. He completed His task that was set before Him. He is the only way to eternal salvation.

**Vs10:** Christ is a high priest after the order of Melchisedec.