

***The Promise: Jesus the Great High Priest***

Hebrews 4:14-16

**INTRODUCTION:**

**I. The Nature of His Priesthood**

- A. Appointed by God
  - 1. Hebrews 5:1-10
  - 2. This section is the introduction to the central point of the book: To show the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus the Christ to save His own, and the the response of belief necessary to experience Him (primarily the worship of God and faithfully living out the gospel in the church, the community of saints)
- B. Mediator for the People
  - 1. Teach the Law
  - 2. Sympathize with the people
  - 3. Offer sacrifices
  - 4. Appeal to God on their behalf
  - 5. Further shaped in the chapters to come

**II. Jesus as Priest**

- A. Superior to all others
  - 1. All priestly work points to the person and work of Christ
  - 2. Christ is distinct from all other priests
  - 3. All priestly work is satisfied in Christ
  - 4. What's obvious is that we are in need of such a priest

- B. Passed through heavens
  - 1. While other priests went to a tent made by hands, Christ, because He was worthy, went before God Himself

**2. Hebrews 9:11-14**

- C. Sympathetic
  - 1. Weakness
  - 2. Tempted
  - 3. Sufficient

**III. Our Response**

- A. Hold fast to the confession
  - 1. Take hold of
  - 2. Our Confession (Hebrews 10:23)
  - 3. When facing temptation
- B. Draw near (by grace for grace)
  - 1. Grace enabled drawing
  - 2. With confidence
  - 3. Throne of grace
  - 4. To receive mercy
  - 5. And Find grace
  - 6. In time of need ("at the right time")

**CONCLUSION:**