

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE?

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I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. In Hebrews 4:14-16, we read some encouraging words about the fact that Jesus Christ is our "high priest."
- i. Because Jesus our "high priest" is in Heaven, we should be encouraged to "hold fast our profession" as Christians.
 - ii. If He made it to Heaven, then so can we! (Heb. 6:17-20; Heb. 10:11-23; Heb. 12:1-3)
- B. As our "high priest", He can be "touched with the feelings of our infirmities."
- i. He was "tempted in all points like as we are." (Mt. 4:1-11; Heb. 2:14-18; hunger, thirst, anger, etc.)
 - ii. And yet Jesus was "without sin." (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 9:11-14; Heb. 7:21-26, 17-19)
 - iii. He therefore is our "perfect high priest & our Savior!" (Heb. 5:1-10; Heb. 9:24-28; Jn. 3:16-17)

II. APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE?

- A. It is because of all these things that we have said already, that we can "approach God's throne of grace with boldness." (Heb. 4:16; NASV - "confidence")
- i. It is called the "throne of grace" because "all grace comes from Almighty God!" (1 Pet. 5:10; Acts 20:32; Jms. 4:6; Titus 2:11)
 - ii. Jesus was "God's ultimate gift of grace!" (2 Cor. 9:15; Rom. 5:6-8; Jn. 1:17)
- B. Look at what we can receive when we "approach God's throne of grace."
- i. We can "obtain mercy." (Ps. 136; 1st Tim. 1:13-16; Phil. 2:25-30)
 - ii. And we can "find grace to help in time of need." (2 Cor. 12:7-10; Acts 20:32; 2 Tim. 2:1)

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. What a wonderful blessing it is to have "Christ as our high priest!" (Heb. 10:21-23; Heb. 6:10-20)
- B. As our "high priest", Jesus has offered the "perfect sacrifice for our sins" so that we might have "eternal life in Heaven" with Him in the end! (Heb. 5:8-10)
- C. THE INVITATION!