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A. Study Section

Holy Scriptures are printed in the bold face font while Pastor Joe's Commentary is printed in the brackets.

Let's understand key words in these three verses:

STUDY SECTION - Hebrews 2:16-18, NLT - ¹⁶ We also **know** [doubtless—well known] **that the Son** [of God—Jesus Christ] **did not come to help** [lit., to rescue from peril] **angels; he came to help** [same word as before] **the descendants of Abraham** [lit., spiritual Israel; “If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise,” (Galatians 3:29 NRSV)]. ¹⁷ **Therefore, it was necessary for Him to be made in every respect like us** [i.e., flesh and blood—human], **His brothers and sisters, so that He could be our merciful** [a feeling of sympathy that leads to an action] **and faithful** [You can count on Jesus; He will be there for you (in fact, he’s already been there for you as)] **High Priest** [the only One who could do direct business with God] **before God. Then He could offer a sacrifice** [“propitiation” in many translations; lit., “To perfectly satisfy the righteous demands of God’s justice and anger as forecasted in the OT and satisfied in the NT.” (Dr. Author Pink)] **that would take away** [once and for all] **the sins of the people.** ¹⁸ **Since He Himself has gone through suffering** [of the cross] **and testing** [lit., temptation(s) what we all face], **He is able** [lit., powerful (we get our word *dynamite* from this word)] **to help** [lit., “to run toward those who cry out;” a different word than before; it means to “answer our cry”] **us when we are being tested** [lit., when we are tempted to “give up on Jesus or our faith”].

B. Encountering Christ

1. Christ came to rescue us.

Hebrews 2:16, GNB - ¹⁶ For it is clear that it is not the angels that he helps. Instead, he helps the descendants of Abraham.

2. Christ sympathizes with us.

Hebrews 2:17, NLT - ¹⁷ Therefore, it was necessary for Him to be made in every respect like us, His brothers and sisters, so that He could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then He could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Since He himself has gone through suffering and testing, He is able to help us when we are being tested.

3. Christ died for us.

Hebrews 2:17, NASB95 - ¹⁷ Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 2:17C, NLT - ¹⁷...Then He could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.

Romans 5:8, NASB95 - ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

4. Christ helps us make peace with Holy God.

Hebrews 2:17, NIV - ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

5. Christ hears our cries in our weakest moment.

Hebrews 2:18, NLT - ¹⁸ Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

Romans 10:13, NASB95 - ¹³ for “WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”