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Spiritual Surgery By Our Sympathetic High Priest

Hebrews 4:12-16

- 1) God's word is essential for eternal life and His instrument for eternal death (4:12)
 - a) Scripture is *living*: God & His word are not dead
 - b) Scripture is *active*: it produces a result
 - c) Scripture is *sharp*: it convicts our guilty consciences
- 2) All creatures are completely exposed before God (13)
 - a) All our sins are evident to God
 - b) Our very lives are in the hands of God every day
- 3) Jesus, the Son of God, is not only our King, He is our mediating High Priest (14-16)
 - a) Having completed His earthly task, He ascended to heaven
 - b) He sits at the right hand of God the Father (1:3)
 - c) He mediates on our behalf daily (Rom. 8:34)
 - d) Having lived as a man, Jesus sympathizes w/ our weaknesses
 - i) Was tempted in all things
 - ii) Emerged unscathed by sin
- 4) So what?
 - a) We can "draw near" to God through Christ alone
 - b) We can come to God "with confidence"
 - c) We can come to God's "throne of grace"
 - d) We will receive mercy from God at His throne
 - e) We will find God's grace in our time of need

