

- Theme: Let's hold fast, draw near and receive mercy and grace, because Christ is the Son who suffered to become our perfect High Priest.

### Hold on—we've a Great High Priest (4:1-14)

- The promise of entering His rest stands (4:1)
- The written Word shows our weakness (4:12)
- The Living Word sympathizes with our weakness (4:14-16)
- So since we have a Great High Priest...
  - "Passed through the heavens" speaks of His victory, breaking all barriers.
  - "Jesus the Son of God"-- dual nature.
- Since we have *this* High Priest, let us Hold on to our confession. The Word has pierced us. Now hold on to the rope Jesus dropped from heaven. Our promised Rest is ahead!



### Draw Near our Sympathetic Priest (4:15,16)

- We don't have an unsympathetic priest.
- We do have one tempted as we are yet without sin.
  - Let us draw near to the throne of grace with confidence
  - To receive mercy and grace in time of need

### Every High Priest Cares (5:1-4)

- His function- act for men toward God offering gifts and sacrifices for sin
- His qualification- Humane- Able to deal gently (metri-pathic)
  - Human- Experiences weakness
  - Humble- Appointed by God and in need of sacrifice himself

### Jesus our High Priest Cares (5:5-10)

- His qualification- Humble- Received appointment
  - You are My Son...priest forever...Psalm 2
- Human & Divine- "Today I have begotten you" Psalm 2
- Humane- In the days of His flesh
  - Prayed and was heard
  - Learned obedience
  - Perfected as the source of Salvation
- His Function-
  - Acts as source of our salvation
  - Acts in Melchizedek's (vs Levi's) Order
- So: Hold on to your confession
  - Draw near to the throne of Grace
  - Receive mercy from Him—He cares.
- Hebrews 7:25 He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near through him, since he always lives to intercede for them