

- 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