

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 4:14-16

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 4:14-16.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

14 Therefore, [...] let us hold fast our confession.

[since we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God,]

15 For we do not have a high priest
who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses,
but One

who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet* without sin.

16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.

1. Read Hebrews 4:1-13. What has the argument of this section been?

2. Where does this section fit into the structure of the book as a whole?

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3. What is the relationship between the preceding vv. and v. 14?
4. What command is given in v. 14?
5. What is the confession mentioned in v. 14?
6. On what basis does the author tell his readers to hold fast?
7. Where have we seen the high priesthood of Jesus discussed up to this point in the book?

❖ Day 2

Read Heb 4:14-16 again.

8. Why does the author bring up Jesus' high priesthood here?

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9. What 3 descriptions of the high priest are offered in v. 14?

10. What reason does the author give us to hold fast to our confession in v. 15?

11. What 2 ideas does the author of Hebrews contrast in v. 15? Why would he draw this contrast here?

12. How was Jesus' temptation similar to ours? How was it different?

13. What implication does the author draw in v. 16? How is this related to v. 15?

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14. What action is the author calling for in v. 16? What does this mean?

❖ Day 3

Read Heb 4:14-16 again.

15. What is the “throne of grace”?

16. How are we to draw near to the throne of grace?

17. Why should we draw near to the throne of grace according to v. 16?

18. How does v. 16 point us back to the previous section?

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19. Compare and contrast vv. 12-13 and vv. 14-16.

20. What is the point of vv. 14-16?

21. How should you personally respond to these verses?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would understand God's Word in order that we might live it out. Specifically that we would see the work of Christ as our high priest and thus confidently approach the throne of grace.