

TITLE AND NUMBER: 206 We have a great High Priest

REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES: Hebrews 4:14-16



Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

LOOKING FURTHER: Matthew 4 v 1 – 11, Psalm 86 v 15 – 17, Ephesians 4 v 31 - 32

What does the Bible passage tell us?

The book of Hebrews is an encouragement to hold on to the Christian faith and not get distracted or worn down by persecution. In the passage above, there is a declaration of who Jesus is and why we should trust Him.

In earlier days, the High Priest would be responsible for going into the Holy of Holies to offer sacrifices for the entire nation. As our High Priest, Jesus took on the sin of the whole world and paid the price for all of us on the cross. Not only that, but He later rose from the dead and finally ascended into Heaven, where He pleads our case before God.

None of us could approach a Holy God without Jesus' intervention, so He is a High Priest like no other. However, even though He holds such a high authority, He does not condemn us for our weakness and natural inclination to sin. He lived as a boy, grew up to be a man and experienced all that we experience going through that process. He knew what temptation felt like, and He was able to overcome it by using the Word of God.

So, when we stand before Him and are answerable for our behaviour, we can be confident that He will forgive us. He has given us His Word to guide us and sent the Holy Spirit to be our supporter at tough times and in good times. Therefore, let's use these tools to the maximum and live a life that is pleasing to God – to honour our great High Priest.

Reflection

- Jesus used Bible verses to help him when He was tempted. And we can do the same (look up Matthew 4). What verses do you know that would help you? It is useful to keep a list in your Bible. You can also say, 'It is written.....'
- In Psalm 86, when David spoke to God, he declared God's faithfulness, mercy and comfort to him and his people. How do you think God feels about you?
- In Ephesians 4, we read that we need to show compassion, kindness and forgiveness to others because God does the same for us. Ask Him to help you to try to keep that attitude.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

