

Hebrews 4:15-16

THE THRONE OF GRACE

2016-17 Bonus Verse

HEAD

Memorize what it says (Observe).

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:15-16 (ESV)

HEART

Understand what it means (Interpret).

This passage tells us that Jesus is our great high priest. He gives us access to God the Father, the holy one of heaven. Even though Jesus is the Son of God He chose to live on this earth, was tempted as we are and yet never sinned. Therefore, He is a high priest who understands and sympathizes with our weaknesses. This makes Him the perfect one to plead on our behalf before a holy God. And this gives us confidence to come before His throne to ask for mercy and grace.

Why was Jesus called a “high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek”? (Heb. 7:1-3)
How did Jesus model the practice of prayer, drawing near to the throne of Grace? (Heb. 5:7)

HANDS

Put it into action (Apply).

Jesus, the Son of God, our eternal high priest, opens the way for us to come to God to confess our sins and to ask for help. Even though we are sinful and weak, we have direct access to the Father through the Son. We are told to pray in Jesus’ name by drawing near to the throne of grace. He will respond with mercy, protecting us from the judgement we deserve, and with grace, giving us the blessing we do not deserve.

DRAW NEAR TO THE THRONE.

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Jesus Our Great High Priest

After the Order of Melchizedek

Hebrews 4:14 – 5:10

4 ¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

5 ¹ For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.