

HOLY LIFE

DWELLING ON THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

PASTOR'S NOTES – 3. 19. 2017

Superior Covenant –

Access to the Throne HEBREWS 4:14-16

REVIEW

Week 1 – Jesus the superior One in every way, is the exact expression of God and divine in every way and serves as the ultimate communication/ revelation of God.

Week 2 – Not only is He divine, he is also elevated to the position of Yahweh – the One and Only God – The Great I Am.

Week 3 – In light of His true Identity as Sovereign God, we ought to take greater heed of what He is communicating about God. To neglect this communication/ revelation leads to drifting away from the Truth which leads to Holy Life.

Week 4 – All things are Subjected under the Son though we do not yet see the reality of all things subject on this Earth.

Week 5 – The humanity of Christ was necessary for Him to be the perfect and superior High Priest and redeemer of mankind.

Week 6 – Fix your eyes upon the person of Jesus Christ

Week 7 – The believer has been granted a rest and peace here on this earth as well as in eternity.

THIS WEEK'S OVERLYING PRINCIPLES

- *The comparisons continue. A greater One than the high priest Aaron. One who has gone before us in Holiness (Lev. 8, 9)*

- *Our firmness in faith must persist. Let our testimony resound.*

- *There is One Who walked perfectly through the trials and storms that I am walking through today.*

- *The testing of a Holy person is all the more rigorous than the testing of an unbelieving heart. The testing of a perfect One is a different kind of intensity.*

- *We have an incredible resource in Jesus. Because of His Great High Priestly position, we can access the throne of grace and mercy.*

Access the Throne

I. A Greater and More Able High Priest

- Walked through the Heavens
- Hold Fast the Confession

II. A Greater and Holier Walk

- Walked our path but sinlessly – can sympathize
- The test of Holy Living

III. A Greater and Bolder Accessibility

- Because of His Life
- Because of His Suffering
- Because of His Death

DEFINITIONS:

THEREFORE – Accordingly, consequently. Consider what was previously stated.

GREATER – eminent for ability, virtue, authority, power

TAKE HOLD OF – To become Master of, take, seize.

CONFESSION – Declaration of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. What did you learn about God in this passage?

2. What did you learn about yourself in this passage?

3. What parts of your walk are you unwilling to believe that Jesus already walked through? Or in what way is Jesus' sympathy for your station seemingly unrealistic?

4. How could you approach the throne more boldly this week?

5. In what way does Christ's walk in holiness encourage you? Discourage you?

6. How about your confession? How powerfully is your witness of what Christ has done?

7. How are you comforted in this text today? How are you challenged?
