

HOW CAN WE DO WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO?
Hebrews 4:14-16

INTRODUCTION:

A. Paul has exhorted the Hebrew congregation to enter into "rest".

- 1) They are to "labour"
- 2) They are to believe God

B. The Lord will know

- 1) He will know the intents of their hearts
- 2) Nothing is hidden from His eyes

C. How will these people be able to do those things that God requires?

- 1) Must they devise some carnal plan?
- 2) Has God abandoned them to their own ways?
- 3) You may do what you think will work!

I. We Have A Great High Priest verse 14

A. *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens,..."* vs 14

- 1) "we have" = εχουτες = "to have", "to possess"
- 2) "high priest" = αρχιερευς =
- 3) "passed" = διερχομαι = "to go through" The perf. tense indicates that he has passed through the heavens and is still there.

B. *"...Jesus the Son of God"*

- 1) There can be no doubt who this is
- 2) It is Jesus
- 3) Not Joshua, but the Son of God

C. "...let us hold fast the profession of our faith"

- 1) "hold fast" = κρατω = "to be in control of", "to exercise power over", "to hold to"
- 2) "profession" = ομολογια = "to speak or say the same thing with another", "to agree with"

II. We Have A High Priest That Can Be Touched

A. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities;..." vs 15

- 1) "feelings" = συμπαθεω = "to share the experience of someone", "to empathize with someone"
- 2) "infirmities" = ασθενεια = "want of strength", "weakness", hence, "feebleness", "sickness"
- 3) "For our High Priest is not one who is incapable of sharing our infirmities"

B. "...but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

- 1) "all points" = κατα παντα = "throughout"
- 2) "tempted" = πειραζω = "to tempt", "to test" The perf. tense emphasizes the completed state and continuing results.
- 3) "like" = ομοιοτης = "likeness" The word emphasizes exact correspondence.
- 4) "but bore in all things the likeness of our trials -- Con
"but without committing sin"

III. We Have An High Priest That Can Help

A. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace"

- 1) "come" = προσερχομεθα = "to come", "to draw near", "let us come near" It is a privilege that is always available.

- 2) "*boldly*" = παρρησια = "speaking all things that are on one's mind."
- 3) "*throne of grace*" = "the throne that is characterized by grace"

B. "...that we may obtain mercy"

- 1) "*obtain*" = λαμβανω = "to receive"
- 2) "*mercy*" = ελεος = "active compassion", "the desire of relieving the miserable"

C. "...and find grace to help in time of need"

- 1) "*find*" = ευρισκω = "to find, as without seeking", "meet with", "light upon"
- 2) "*grace*" = χαρις = "a kind, gracious disposition", "friendly willingness"
- 3) "*time*" = ευκαιρος = "a good time", "well timed", "at the right time"
- 4) "*need*" = βοηθεια = "help given to one in need"
- 5) "and find Him responsive when we need his help" Gspd

