**SERMON SHEET 9/10/23**

**Study of Hebrews #20**

**“We Have a High Priest”**

**Text: Hebrews 4:14-16**

I. Introduction & review

1. The incomparable Word of God
2. The inescapable eyes of God

II. We have a High Priest.

1. He is great.
2. He has passed through the heavens.
3. He sympathizes with our weaknesses.
4. He has been tempted as we are.
5. He is sinless.
6. He is Jesus, the Son of God.

III. We have a holy calling.

1. Let us firmly hold to our confession.
2. Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.

III. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Kent Hughes:

* *There simply is no contest between the Levitical system and what is provided in Christ.*
* *Jesus, our high priest, has an unequalled capacity for sympathy. It goes far beyond the intellectual because it is truly experiential. Jesus does not just imagine how we feel—he feels it! The word for “sympathize” here means “to share the experience of another” —to sympathize through common experience. The most sensitive man who ever lived feels with us. Whatever we may be going through, there is not a note we can play, not a melody or a dirge, no minor key, no discordant note, that does not evoke a “sympathetic resonance” in Jesus. Do you want sympathy? Do not go anywhere else. Dare not go to anyone but him!*

2. Al Mohler:

* *Why do we need a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses? Hebrews 4:15 answers that question by explaining that Jesus could not have fully identified with us and fulfilled his ministry of propitiation if he had not also identified with us in our temptations and remained without sin.*
* *While temptation may always hinder us this side of heaven, Jesus’s priestly ministry promises that it will never ultimately triumph over those who claim Christ as their high priest.*

3. A. W. Pink:

* *He is “merciful” (Heb. 2:17), as well as omnipotent. He is Man, as well as God. He has Himself been tempted in all things, like ourselves, sin excepted.*
* *And having such a High Priest in heaven, can we lose courage? Can we draw back in cowardice, impatience, and faintheartedness? Can we give up our profession, our allegiance, our obedience to Christ? Or shall we not be like Joshua and Caleb, who followed the Lord fully? Let us hold fast our profession; let us persevere and fight the good fight of faith. Our great High Priest in the highest glory is our righteousness and strength. He loves, He watches, He prays, He holds us fast, and we shall never perish. Jesus is our Moses, who in the height above prays for us. Jesus is our true Joshua, who gained the victory over our enemies. Only be strong, and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed.*

4. Charles Spurgeon:

* *We have a Friend at court; our Bridegroom is on the throne. He who reigns in heaven loves us better than we love ourselves. Come, then, why should we hesitate, why should we delay our approach to His throne of mercy?*
* *It is a throne set up on purpose for the dispensation of grace; a throne from which every utterance is an utterance of grace; the scepter that is stretched out from it is the silver scepter of grace; the decrees proclaimed from it are purposes of grace; the gifts that are scattered down its golden steps are gifts of grace; and He that sits upon the throne is grace itself. It is the throne of grace to which we approach when we pray.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **1 John 2:1; Heb. 9:24-26; 1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 2:18**
* **Rom. 10:9; 1 Tim. 3:16; 1 John 2:23; 1 John 4:15; 2 Cor. 9:13; Heb. 10:23**