

# Jesus Christ Is Our Great High Priest

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*Jesus Christ is our Great High Priest, who can understand our suffering and temptations, and make intercession for us, allowing us to overcome sin and live a victorious Christian life.*

**Duration:** 20:33

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:33, Romans 8:17, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 4:14-16, James 1:12

**Topics:** "Jesus Christ"

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the unchanging truth of God's word. He starts by reading from the fourth chapter of Hebrews, highlighting the verse that speaks of Jesus as our great high priest who understands our weaknesses and temptations. The preacher encourages the audience to hold fast to their faith and come boldly to the throne of grace to receive mercy and help in times of need. He also emphasizes the importance of recognizing God as a personal and loving Heavenly Father who plans, defends, and makes decisions for us. The sermon concludes with a reminder that although we will face temptations, we have the assurance that Jesus intercedes for us, enabling us to overcome and not be defeated.

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## Transcript

You and I have been having some good heart-to-heart talks regarding the person of God, the person of Jesus Christ, the very Son of the living God, and the person of the Holy Spirit. And I pray that these little heart-to-heart talks will have been of real benefit to you because it does make all the difference in the world as to whether or not God is a person, whether Jesus is absolutely all that He said that He was, deity and divinity. And it makes all the difference in the world as to whether or not the Holy Spirit is a person.

And it has been my desire to bring you face-to-face with a person so that you might have fellowship with that person. One cannot have fellowship with a spirit. If God is just spirit, then how in the world can you and I have fellowship with just a spirit? If the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, is just a spirit, how in the world can we have fellowship with just... And you and I must come face-to-face with a person so that we might have fellowship with that person.

And as I told you in our last heart-to-heart talk, a person has intellect. A person has emotion. A person has will.

With the intellect, a person can know. A person can think and understand. With the emotional capacity, a person can feel.

Without the emotional capacity, one cannot love. With the will, a person can decide. A person can act.

And I left you in our last heart-to-heart talk proving to you from the Word of God that God is a person. And as a person, He is our Heavenly Father planning for us, acting in our defense, making decisions for us if we're yielded unto Him, loving us, understanding us. Oh, it's so wonderful to have that security to know that there's a Heavenly Father and we're personal to Him and our needs are individual and are personal to Him.

All right. Now we come face-to-face with the person of Jesus. Oh, this is so wonderful.

Do you want to know something? You and I do not have to be defeated on a single score. Now, it's one thing to make that remark. And in making that remark, I do not tell you these things to make you feel good.

These things are based upon the Word of God and God's Word is truth. Do you want to know why not one of us would ever go down in defeat? It's because we have this very moment in the person of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, seated at the right hand of God the Father. Whether you're Catholic, whether you're Protestant, regardless of your creed or your race or your color, if you have been born again, we may differ on some of our theology, if you have been born again, your sin's covered with the blood and you are a member of the Body of Christ, you have a great High Priest.

I have a great High Priest. Oh, that is so comforting. Not only comforting, I have victory.

I do not have to yield to defeat. I can stand face to face with the enemy of my soul and know that I have a great High Priest in the person of Jesus Christ, who is seated at the right hand of God the Father, ever living to make intercession for me. I give you the Word.

And remember again, the Word is truth. And your own little pet theology will not change truth. Argument will never change truth.

Truth remains. And God's Word is truth. So read with me from the fourth chapter of Hebrews.

This I like, the fourteenth verse. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points gifted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. I've never owned a Bible, but what this portion of the Word of God was the very first thing that I underlined in red. Oh, let's pause a minute and consider it.

It makes all the difference in the world what you believe regarding Jesus Christ. You may say He was as near perfect as any man who ever walked. You may say He was an ideal example so far as man is concerned.

But it takes one who is more than a perfect example, one who is more than just man, to take the position of great High Priest. If Jesus were only man, then any good man could take the position of great High Priest. Only one could take that position of great High Priest.

The very Son of the Living God. Just one. Absolute Deity and Divinity.

And that's the reason you see that Jesus said, it is necessary, it is expedient for you that I go away. I have to leave you. Because when I have gone, I will send the Holy Spirit.

And He'll be your great Strengthenener. He'll come. Because I have to assume the position of great High Priest.

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest that is passed into the heaven. Jesus, the Son of God. Not Jesus, as a beautiful example.

But Jesus, the Son of God. Let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a great High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

Therefore, we see that Jesus is a person with emotion. He's touched with the feeling of our infirmity. He's more than Spirit.

Because only a person with a definite personality can have the capacity of emotion. He's touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Now, that's vitally important that you understand this personal Word of God. Because, you see, you cannot understand the suffering of another unless you have suffered. You cannot comfort another unless you have had a Gethsemane.

If you have never had the death of a loved one in your life, if you have never stood before an open grave, and one who was practically flesh of your flesh passed from this life, if you have never had your heart broken, then you cannot be touched with the sorrow of another. You cannot. One who has never suffered cannot comfort another.

Do you understand what I'm trying to say? God could not be a righteous God, God the Father I'm talking about, because God was never tempted. Never. Never.

And you say, Kathy Kuhn, you're getting into deep theology. I know. There are three persons, God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, the Holy Spirit.

But remember, Jesus Christ was not God the Father. Neither was God the Father the Holy Spirit. Three definite personalities, separate and apart from the other, yet never working separate and apart from the other, but each working in conjunction with the other.

It was Jesus who came to this world. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, becoming as much man as though he were not God. And of course, in the same likeness, as much God as though he were not man.

But, taking upon himself flesh and dwelling among us, he could have yielded to temptation. You've heard me say it over and over again, that Jesus could have yielded to the temptation of the evil one, when he was tempted of the devil. He could have yielded to those temptations.

Otherwise those temptations would have been farce. But yet he did not yield to those temptations. The Scripture here says, he was tempted in all points, like as we are, yet without sin.

He did not yield to temptation. Therefore, the Scripture says, that he will be our judge. God the Father will not be our judge.

Because you see, he has never had the feelings that Jesus has had. And when Jesus becomes our great judge, he can judge righteously, because he too has faced the same temptations that we have faced. He knows exactly what it's like.

And he can judge righteously. Understand? I pray the Holy Spirit to make this rule of the heart. Now remember, as long as we are in this old body of flesh, as long as this is still corruption, the enemy of our soul will tempt us.

I would lie to you, if I were to tell you this moment, that I have reached such a spiritual plane where I'm never tempted. And when someone comes to you and tells you that they have reached such a spiritual plane, that they cannot be tempted. Oh, I get scared to death of people like that.

Because they are only deceiving themselves. Are they lying? Not quite sure which, you know. Kind of like that.

Because as long as we're still in this body of flesh, and as long as the enemy of our soul is still here on earth, we will be tempted. And the more that you do for God, and the greater your consecration, the greater will be the temptation. But to knock one of us needs yield to that temptation.

And temptation itself is not a sin. And do you want to know why you do not have to yield to any temptation? And why you need not go down and defeat him a single scorer? Because the scripture says, we have a great high priest who ever liveth to make intercession for you and for me. Oh, doesn't that do something to you? Isn't that thrilling? Don't stop there now.

Keep right on going. Please do something for me. Mark these three verses in your Bible.

The three verses that I'm giving to you. It's the fourth chapter of Hebrews. The 14th, 15th, and 16th verses.

Don't stop there. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Yes.

This very moment, I don't care what you may be experiencing. I don't care how weak a Christian you may be. I don't care what the circumstances are under which you have to live.

How big the temptation. Regardless, there's no exception whatsoever. Jesus makes no exception.

The thing remains is, how much do you want to overcome that temptation? How much do you really want to live a victorious Christian life? How sincere are you about the whole thing? It's left with you. On the other side, every provision has been made for your success as a Christian. Every provision has been made for your victory over that temptation.

Provision has been made for a consistent, daily, Christian life of victory. You were not born for failure. You were not made for failure.

It was never ordained that any one of his children should live this life here on earth as a failure. Depressed. You and I were made to be heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus.

Let us therefore come boldly. You don't have to be timid about this thing. You don't have to make apologies for coming into his presence.

You don't have to just timidly make an excuse for coming to his throne. Let us therefore come boldly. Square your shoulders.

Remember to whom you belong. This is a part of your inheritance. Come unto the throne of grace.

Something? The throne of grace. Grace that is greater than our sins. Grace that is greater than all of our shortcomings, all of our weaknesses, all of our failures.

The throne of grace is open to you and open to me that we may obtain mercy. Mercy. Whose mercy? His mercy.

The mercy of God. Can you think of anything greater than the mercy of God? And find grace to help in time of need. All you have to do is to come, confess your need, mercy is waiting, the grace is there, the great high priest who ever liveth to make intercession for you, and through him the Father forgives.

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