

The High Priest of Our Confession

Hebrews 2:18 – 4:16 (NASB1995)

1 2:¹⁸ For since He Himself was tempted in that
2 which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of
3 those who are tempted.

4 3 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a
5 heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High
6 Priest of our confession; ²He was faithful to Him who
7 appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. ³For
8 He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by
9 just so much as the builder of the house has more honor
10 than the house. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but
11 the builder of all things is God. ⁵Now Moses was faithful
12 in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those
13 things which were to be spoken later; ⁶but Christ *was*
14 *faithful* as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if
15 we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm
16 until the end.

17 ⁷ Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,
18 “Today if you hear His voice,
19 ⁸ Do not harden your hearts as when they
20 provoked Me,
21 As in the day of trial in the wilderness,
22 ⁹ Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me,
23 And saw My works for forty years.
24 ¹⁰ “Therefore I was angry with this generation,
25 And said, ‘They always go astray in their
26 heart,
27 And they did not know My ways’;
28 ¹¹ As I swore in My wrath,
29 ‘They shall not enter My rest.’”

30 ¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one
31 of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the
32 living God. ¹³ But encourage one another day after day, as
33 long as it is *still* called “Today,” so that none of you will
34 be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have
35 become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning
36 of our assurance firm until the end, ¹⁵ while it is said,

37 “Today if you hear His voice,
38 Do not harden your hearts, as when they
39 provoked Me.”

40 ¹⁶ For who provoked *Him* when they had heard?
41 Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by
42 Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was He angry for forty years?
43 Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the
44 wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would

45 not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So
46 we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

47 4 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise
48 remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to
49 have come short of it. ² For indeed we have had good news
50 preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard
51 did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in
52 those who heard. ³ For we who have believed enter that
53 rest, just as He has said,

54 “As I swore in My wrath,
55 They shall not enter My rest,”

56 although His works were finished from the
57 foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has said somewhere
58 concerning the seventh *day*: “And God rested on the
59 seventh day from all His works”; ⁵ and again in this
60 *passage*, “They shall not enter My rest.” ⁶ Therefore, since
61 it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had
62 good news preached to them failed to enter because of
63 disobedience, ⁷ He again fixes a certain day, “Today,”
64 saying through David after so long a time just as has been
65 said before,

66 “Today if you hear His voice,
67 Do not harden your hearts.”

68 ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not
69 have spoken of another day after that. ⁹ So there remains a
70 Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For the one who has
71 entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as
72 God did from His. ¹¹ Therefore let us be diligent to enter
73 that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the
74 same example of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is
75 living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword,
76 and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of
77 both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and
78 intentions of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden
79 from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the
80 eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

81 ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest
82 who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,
83 let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high
84 priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but
85 One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet
86 without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence
87 to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and
88 find grace to help in time of need.

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