

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: HIGH PRIESTLY GRIP

Main Text: Hebrews 4:14-16

Sermon Description: Our last message in Hebrews entitled: “Hold Fast” focused on *our* grip on Christ, as we embrace the Christian life and all of its paradoxical tensions described in Heb 4 (Fear and Good news, Today and long afterwards, Strive and rest, & Living Logos/Word. There is, however, a mutual grasp involved in 'holding fast' and the primary grip is that of our Great High Priest Jesus Christ as the savior of sinners. Hebrews declares this grasp as the universal experience of all the holy brethren (3:1) and describes it in this summary, transitional, and thematic text. Assurance of salvation this side of 'rest' hinges upon the office of Christ as our Great High Priest. Heb 4:14-16 is compressed, vacuum packed theology par excellence!

Heading: 4 ASPECTS OF CHIRST'S HIGH PRIESTHOOD COMPRESSED IN HEB 4:14-16...

1. ACCESS (To the “Presence Chamber”)

a. The Shadow (Lev 16:1-7, 10:1-3)

b. The Substance (Heb 10:5-14)

2. ESSENCE (Of Christ)

a. Dual nature of Christ (Phil 2:6-11)

b. Primary agent of revelation (Heb 4:12-14)

3. ADVOCATE (For Sinners)

a. Probation as 2nd Adam

b. Intercession (Heb 2:14-18)

4. EFFECT (On Us)

a. Hold fast our confession

b. Draw near confidently

c. Throne – Mercy and Grace

Close: Today is a time of great need! 'Throne' and 'grace' are mutually *inclusive* concepts because of Christ's broken body and shed blood. Justice and mercy coexist with respect to the believer because of the propitiatory cross of Jesus our Lord, Sacrifice, and Great High Priest!

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Old Priesthood	Theme: New Priesthood	Theme: 2 Natures of Christ	Theme: Christ as Word	Theme: Advocate intercessor	Theme: Effect on us
Verses: Lev 16:1-7	Verses: Heb 10:5-14	Verses: Phil 2:6-11	Verses: Heb 4:12-14	Verses: Heb 2:14-18	Verses: Heb 4:14-16

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 50