

## Hebrews 4: 14-16

“Seeing then that we have a *great High Priest* who has passed through the heavens, *Jesus the Son of God*, let us hold fast our confession.

For we *do not* have a High Priest *who cannot sympathize* with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore *come boldly* to the *throne of grace*, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”



·The term, “High Priest” is used sixteen times in the  
book of Hebrews-

*ten* of those instances refer directly to Jesus Christ.

\* The *first* “High Priest” was Aaron as described in  
Exodus 28: 1-

“Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him,  
from among the children of Israel, that he may  
minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron’s sons:  
Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.”

The line of earthly “High Priests” ran from Aaron (born  
1533 B.C.),  
through the Kingdom of Judah,  
through the Babylonian Captivity,  
through Judea under successive occupations by the  
Persian Empire,  
through Alexander the Great,  
through the Seleucid Empire,  
and finally the Roman Empire...

Ending with the destruction of the Temple of  
Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

There were many guidelines to be followed by the  
“High Priests” including-

\*actual layout of the tabernacle  
Exodus 25 – 27

\*clothing to be worn  
Exodus 28

\*how the tabernacle was to be used  
\*when the tabernacle was to be used  
\*specific duties special to the “High Priests”  
Exodus 29, 30

But these “High Priests” were simply men –  
*men who had sinned*  
and *had to offer sacrifices for themselves*  
as well as the people.

**Hebrews 5: 1 says,**

“For every high priest taken *from among men* is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.”



Although these men were designated by God,  
(Exodus 28:1)  
they were often tempted by the world to turn away  
from God  
and make the work of His Temple a travesty...

In fact it was Israel's high priest, Caiaphas, who led the  
charge to condemn and crucify Jesus Christ  
(Mark 14: 61,62)



Here is the where the lifetime warranty comes into play!

Would you rather have a warranty that only covers parts but no labor?

How about body work but not the powertrain, the transmission?

Would you rather have a lawyer at \$10 dollars/hour or \$2000 dollars/hour?

We are told there is a better way...a better “High Priest”

**\*seeing**

Heb.1: 2-4...God’s way, so much better

Heb.2: 9-11...see Jesus, by the grace of God

Heb.2: 17...merciful and faithful High Priest

We are told there is a better way...a better “High Priest”

\*seeing

**\*we have**

Heb.2: 3...how shall we escape so great a salvation  
Heb.2: 9...But we see Jesus...taste death for everyone  
Heb.3: 14...we have become partakers of Christ

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\*we have

**\*passed through the heavens**

Heb.1: 2-3...through whom He made the worlds...  
sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

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\*we have

\*passed through the heavens

**\*hold fast our confessions**

Heb.: 6...whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm in the end

Heb.3: 14...if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end

\*one who can sympathize with our weaknesses

·Was tempted yet was/is without sin

·Heb.2: 9...made a little lower than the angels...might  
taste death for everyone

·Heb.2: 14...He, Himself, likewise shared in the same

·Heb.2: 18...He Himself had suffered, being tempted,  
He is able to aid those who are tempted

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\*obtain mercy, find grace in your time of need

## **Why would we do that?**

**Because we have a Great High Priest,  
Who having past through the heavens,  
Has experienced all we have and more,  
Was tempted, yet remains without sin,  
And allows us, invites us to come confidently  
To be under his wing in our time of need.**

**My Great High Priest,  
Our Great High Priest.**



Let me close with a story...

Remember in Revelation when the Apostle John is taken up into heaven, the things he sees, the assurance of completion of God's plan and his part in it?

Revelation is supposed to be a book of assurance, comfort, joy, a book that will give you strength and rest from worry....

Well here's a story I trust,  
will speak of you...of me>