

2) There are a number of ways Jesus is able to identify with us. Look up the following Scripture passages and note what they say about Jesus and His earthly life.

- **Luke 2:41-52:**

- **John 2:1-11:**

- **Luke 17:17-19:**

- **Luke 22:39-46:**

3) We are told in Hebrews 4:16 that God has mercy to give to us. Mercy includes forgiveness for sin and compassion for our lives and struggles. *Take a moment and let God bring to mind any area of sin He wants you to acknowledge and confess.*

Now take a few moments to ask God to enable you to feel the love and compassion He has for you.

3) Hebrews 4:16 also invites us to seek God's grace. This includes being given Divine Wisdom and Divine Enablement. *Are there situations, relationships or decisions you need God's wisdom for?*

Are there steps of obedience that you know you need to take but need God's enablement to do so?



The writer of Hebrews describes Jesus Christ as our 'Great High Priest' in chapter 4 verses 14-16. He loves and cares about us deeply; He understands us completely; He has the mercy and grace to enable us to live as Fully Devoted Followers of Christ. With that in mind, we can approach His throne of Grace with hope and confidence.

I. AS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST JESUS CHRIST LOVES AND CARES ABOUT US DEEPLY. 4:14

A. Jesus has made the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

B. Jesus carries our burdens on His shoulders. (Exodus 28:11-12 cp. Matthew 11:28-30)

C. Jesus carries us on His heart. (Exodus 28:21, 29 cp. John 17:20-23)

D. Jesus prays for us before the Father. (Numbers 6:24-26 cp. Hebrews 7:25)

II. AS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST, JESUS CHRIST FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE JOYS AND CHALLENGES OF LIFE. VS. 4:15

A. Jesus is able to sympathize with us because He lived life.

- "Weaknesses":

- "Sympathize":

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use these questions to help you make personal application of your study in the Word.

B. Jesus responded to life's situations Biblically – without sin.

III. AS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST, JESUS INVITES US TO THE THRONE OF GRACE. 4:16

A. We receive mercy:

- Forgiveness –
- Compassion –

B. We receive grace:

- Divine Wisdom –
- Divine Enablement –

OUR RESPONSE:

1. Hold on to our confession of Faith in Jesus Christ, the source of our hope:
 - “Hold Fast”:
 - “Confession”:
2. Come to our prayer closet with confidence:
 - “Confidence”:
 - “Throne of Grace”:

1) Hebrews 4:14-16 refers to Jesus as our Great High Priest. We can gain insight as to what all this means by looking at the OT passages on the High Priest. Look up the following passages and note your observations.

- **Exodus 28:11-12.** The High Priest had two stones attached to the shoulders of his outer garment symbolizing carrying the People of Israel's burdens to God in prayer.

What burdens are there in your life that need to be taken to God in prayer?

Who are others you need to be praying for?

- **Exodus 28:21, 29.** The Breast Plate of the High Priest had 12 stones, each of which had the name of one of the 12 Tribes inscribed on it. This symbolized carrying the People of Israel on his heart as he prayed for them.

Take a moment to reflect on what it means to you that Jesus carries you, by name, on His heart.

- **Numbers 6:24-26.** God Himself gave Aaron this prayer/benediction to say over the People of Israel.

What are some of the requests made on behalf of the people?

Which ones strike you as you read them? Why?

What does it mean to you that these things are God's desire for you?