



Sermon Series: Jesus Is Better  
Text: Hebrews 4:14-5:10  
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## A Better Priest

**Big Idea: We can be confident with God because Jesus is our High Priest.**

### How can I be confident to approach God?

1. Jesus grants us \_\_\_\_\_ to God. (4:14; 5:1-5; 9:24)
2. Jesus grants us access to God on the basis of his \_\_\_\_\_. (5:1; 5:7-9)
3. Jesus grants us access to God on the basis of his sacrifice so that we can \_\_\_\_\_ approach God. (4:16)

“Because Jesus sits at the right hand of his Father in heaven, repentant sinners can approach the throne of God with boldness, no matter how filthy we feel. We can come when we have nothing to show for ourselves. We can come when we have just awakened from the stupidity of sin. We can come when so much inside of us feels cold and dead. And we can do so because we do not come on our own merits, but rather on the merits of Jesus, heaven’s Great High Priest.” -Scott Hubbard

### How can I be confident in God’s care for me?

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ with us. (4:15)
2. Jesus sympathizes with us and will \_\_\_\_\_ with us. (5:2)
3. Jesus sympathizes with us and will deal gently with us so he can \_\_\_\_\_ exactly what we need. (4:16)

### How can I be confident in my future with God?

1. Jesus is a High Priest \_\_\_\_\_. (5:6,10)
2. Jesus is a High Priest forever who always \_\_\_\_\_ for us. (7:23-25)
3. Jesus is a high priest forever who always intercedes for us so our future is \_\_\_\_\_ in him. (5:9)

“Where Jesus is, you will be. His present is your future.”  
-Bobby Jamieson

What are the types of things that might shake your confidence before God? When do you feel the most confident in your relationship with God? When do you feel the least confident?

Read through Hebrews 4:14-5:10. What are the things that most stick out to as you read through it? What are the things that are confusing or that you have questions about?

What is your understanding of a high priest? What does a high priest do? Why do humans need a high priest? How is Jesus a BETTER high priest?

Read the quote from Scott Hubbard again. What are some ways we might be prone to approach God based on our own merits rather than Jesus’s?



*How does Hebrews 4:16 help you to picture what is actually happening when you pray to God? How does this picture encourage you to pray and help you see what a privilege prayer is?*

*How does knowing that Jesus sympathizes with you and deals gently with you encourage you to go to Jesus in the face of suffering, temptation, and after you've sinned?*

*How can your own suffering make you a better comforter for others who are suffering? How can seeing and knowing your own sin enable you to help care for other people in their sin?*

*Why do we need a high priest who both gets us AND can save us; a high priest who understands us AND can supply what we need? What makes Jesus the perfect high priest who can do both of these things?*

*Why is it comforting to know that Jesus is interceding for us in heaven right now? How can truth give you confidence with God?*

*Look up the lyrics to the song "Before the Throne of God" and then listen to it. What are the lines in that song that stick out to you? How do they comfort you? How do they encourage you to hold fast to Jesus as your high priest?*

#### Further Resources

- [Our Welcome to Heaven: Meeting the Great High Priest in Hebrews – Bobby Jamieson](#)
- [The Name That Opens Heaven: Why God Will Hear Our Prayers – David Mathis](#)
- [Does Jesus Still Sympathize with Sinners? – Mark Jones](#)