



Walking with the Wise: Paul, One Skilled at Living

Hebrews 4:14-16

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VI. When We Have Failed - What Next? (Heb 4:14-16)

- Three steps that you need to take to experience God's streams of mercy:

A. Step 1: When you have failed God, remember who Jesus is. (v.14-15)

1. If you are in Christ, you have a great High Priest: His name is Jesus;

His

title is the Son of God.

2. What qualified a man to be a high priest?

- a. The high priest had to be human: a man. (Heb 5:1)
- b. The high priest had to be called by God. (Heb 5:4)

3. Why is Jesus a great High Priest?

- a. He is great because He was a perfect sacrifice.
- b. He is great because He literally passed through the heavens and entered Heaven itself where He is seated at the right hand of God

the

Father.

B. Step 2: When you have failed God, don't lose your faith. (v.14)

1. What is the faith that we should cling to? It is the gospel.

(1 Cor 15:2-4; Jn 1:12; Rom 3:22-25)

2. We are saved by God's grace.

3. Repentance is really all that God desires to see in any of us.

(Ps 32:3-5; 51:1-17)

C. Step 3: When you have failed God, run to the throne of grace. (v.16)

1. Do you realize how much God loves you? You put a song in God's heart! (Zeph 3:17)

2. We are all sinners and we are all capable of committing the most egregious sins. (Rom 3:10-12)

3. What God really wants to see in each of us is brokenness.

4. The difference between justice, mercy, and grace:

- a. Justice is getting what you deserve.
- b. Mercy is not getting what you deserve.
- c. Grace is getting what you don't deserve. (Eph 2:4-7)