

SERMON GUIDE

THE SOURCE OF ETERNAL SALVATION

Hebrews 4:14-5:10 | Pastor Tim Prince

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SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Ps. 77:13-14 (God's Character)
Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Monday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever been in the presence of a celebrity or someone that was truly "great"? How did you feel? Did you go up and talk to them? Why or why not?

Note About the Passage: This section is about how Jesus is our great High Priest – a much greater priest than the priests of the Old Testament. We're introduced to an Old Testament priest from outside of Israel named Melchizedek. You can read all about him in Genesis 14. Note: When verse 7 talks about "loud cries and tears" it is probably referring specifically to Jesus' praying to God before he was about to be crucified.

Read Hebrews 4:14-5:10

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: What do you think it means to "draw near" to God with confidence? What does that look like?

O: How is Jesus described in verses 14 and 15 and why would these attributes encourage us to draw near to God?

O: What differences do you notice between Jesus and the Old Testament priests? Why do you think these differences would matter?

O: What do you think it means that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" and was "made perfect" by it?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: Is there anything thought or idea that keeps you from drawing near to God with confidence?

A: Is there anything you can do today, tomorrow, and the next day to draw near to God? What is it? What should it look like and when should it happen?

A: Is there any suffering you are experiencing that is an opportunity to learn obedience just as Jesus did? Describe the suffering and the obedience you are being called to.

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.