



PRESSING ON

TO MATURITY

A Study of the Book of Hebrews

HOPE FOR THOSE
WHO'VE BLOWN IT
HEBREWS 4:14-16

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Introduction: Almost every day we read or hear the sordid tales of priests (and pastors) who have fallen into gross immorality. There are no perfect priests -- not in this world, anyway. But there is a perfect Priest in heaven who offers us the three things we need most in this world.

Psalm 139:7-8 ⁷ “Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from Thy presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou are there.”

I. **A Sufficient Sacrifice** (Hebrews 4:14)

A. **The First Sacrifice** (Genesis 3:21)

Genesis 3:21 “And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.”

B. **The Sacrificial System** (Leviticus 16)

1. **Its Purpose**

Hebrews 4:14 “Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”

2. **Its Limitations**

- a. **The priest was sinful**
- b. **The priest had limited access**
- c. **The priest was mortal**
- d. **The priest's work was never finished**

II. **An Unlimited Understanding** (Hebrews 4:15)

Hebrews 4:15 “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.”

III. **A Continual Compassion** (Hebrews 4:16)

Hebrews 4:16 “Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.”

Conclusion