

Christ, our Redeemer

Sermon 7 in the Hebrews Series

Hebrews 2:14-18

I. He Partook of Flesh and Blood 2:14-15

By the death of Christ – God’s ultimate purpose for His family is accomplished.
v. 10 – glorified, v. 11 – sanctified, v. 15 – liberated, v. 17 – purified

A. The partaking Itself -- 14a

1. *“have partaken”* – refers to us and is in the perfect tense.
2. *“shared”* – refers to Christ -- his is in the aorist tense

“Remaining what He always was – He took upon Him was He was not before”.

B. What His Death Accomplished – 14b-15

1. Destroyed Satan and His Kingdom
“to make void, to render inefficient, to strip one of power”
2. Released us from the fear of death.
3. Why do men fear death?

II. He Gives Aid to the Seed of Abraham 2:16

The key word here is “aid”. – Literally “take hold of”.

You can take hold of someone in a positive way – such as saving them from a speeding car -- or in a negative way as taking hold of them to arrest them.

III. He is our Merciful and Faithful High Priest 2:17-18

A. He is a Faithful High Priest

There were many High Priests in ancient Israel that were not faithful to their duties to the people or to God.

B. He is a Merciful High Priest

There was no requirement for the OT High Priests to be “merciful”.
He can sympathize and knows our weaknesses because he could feel, experience and partake in the sufferings that come with being human.

He could feel natural weaknesses.

Hunger, thirst, fatigue, the range of human emotions, without which he could not have been true human flesh in an unglorified state.

2) Temptations from those closest to him. We see the care he took of his mother, even while dying on the cross. He had true love for his family, and he had true love for his country-men – even though he was basically rejected by most of his family while on the earth.

3) He suffered temptations from Satan. This was part of the bruising of his heel that was prophesied in Gen. 3:15.

4) His knew desertion by God on the cross – which was the greatest trial of all, which He endured for us – in the place we deserved.

By His work – he has made propitiation for our sins.
He did for us – what we never could have done for ourselves.

A man sits on the throne of the universe.
A man far above any angel or any created thing!