

Our Great High Priest in Solidarity with Us (Hebrews 2:17,18)

- Last week, considered this passage -- looking at “Christ our Deliverer”
 - 1) The End of Death (2:14-16)
 - 2) Christ’s propitiation for our sins (2:17)
 - 3) He is able to help (2:18)
- I want to consider verses 2:17-18 again- but flesh them out some more
- Glorious train of thought presents Christ: *Mediator, Propitiator, & Helper*.
- Vs 17 “**Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren**”

I. A Perfect Priestly Mediator (2:17b)

- a) A Merciful Mediator
- b) A Faithful Mediator

- i. First He was faithful as mankind’s sin bearer
- ii. He is faithful in representing us to the Father

II. A Perfect Priestly Propitiator (2:17c)

- V.17b “**to make propitiation for the sins of the people**”
- God has, in a manner of speaking, propitiated Himself in our place
- Christ- holy propitiator saved us in a way that preserves God’s holiness

III. A Perfect Priestly Helper (2:18)

- **He Himself has suffered, being tempted...able to aid those who are tempted**
- Christ’s suffering – at the greatest point- tempted to forsake His calling
- Temptations to take the easy way out are real. Massive suffering to Jesus (Mark 8:33; Matthew 4:10; Mark 14:36)