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Message Info

Title:

God's Provision for You
in Jesus Your High
Priest

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Hebrews 4:12-16

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Theme: Trust the Lord with confidence and he will give you the grace you need.

Introduction: When we are struggling with something in life, it can be easy for us to lose a biblical perspective on our struggles. Three areas in particular can be problematic: a) we don't see the real cause of our problems, and so blame others; b) we don't see the real solution to our problems; or, c) we don't apply the real solution to our problems.

Here are 3 searching questions for us to consider as we seek a biblical perspective on our problems:

1. Are we confessing our sin, in all its depth, before our all-seeing Judge (12-13)?

God's word is living and effective, and because of this it examines and exposes us. His word acts in every area of our person. He penetrates the entirety of our being, including our beliefs and motivations.

There is no escape from his all-knowing and -seeing gaze. We will all give account for all of our sins to him.

2. Are we starting at Jesus our high priest as God's provision for our sin problem (14-15)?

The solution to our problems is not found in a method or in other persons—it is always and only found in Christ.

He is our great high priest, sacrificing for us and acting as our mediator. He has gone through the heavens, pierced the divide between God and man. He is the Son of God, divinely-enabled to forgive sin.

He understands our struggles and can't *not* be sympathetic. He is sinless, and in his overcoming of sin he also offers us the strength to obey.

3. Are we going to Jesus for forgiveness and for power in our time of need (16)?

We can approach Jesus because we are assured to receive grace from him.

We come before the throne of God at his invitation. This is not presumption, but a proper response to the grace we have already received.

We come with both boldness and humility.

Questions:

1. How aware are you of Jesus' high priestly ministry for you? Are you looking to him with confidence?

2. How do these truths motivate you to confess your sins? What do you expect to receive from God as you confess?

3. What does it mean to have Jesus as your Mediator? How does that truth affect you?