

Historical Backdrop: The Day of Atonement –

Two Truths

- God is unapproachably _____.
- Sin carries devastating _____.

Contextual Backdrop: Hebrews 4:12-13 –

Two Invitations

- Let us _____ our confession. (14)
- Let us _____ to God's throne with confidence. (16)

Jesus stepped into both realities and resolved them completely.

Four Reasons

Why can we hold fast to our confession and draw near to God's throne with confidence?

Because as our Great High Priest . . .

1. Jesus _____ in our _____ –
“We have a great high priest” (14b)
2. Jesus _____ with our _____ –
“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (15)
3. Jesus _____ us into God's _____ –
4. Jesus _____ us with his unlimited _____ –
“that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (16b)

Application:

Because Jesus **stands in our place**, we approach in prayer _____.

Because Jesus **sympathizes with our powerlessness**, we approach in prayer _____.

Because Jesus **summons us into God's presence**, we approach in prayer _____.

Because Jesus **supplies us with his unlimited provision**, we approach _____.

Conclusion: Who is invited?

The unfaithful
The weak and unstable
The barren and waiting ones
Those weary of praying
The bitter and broken
The guilty and hiding ones
Those who have nothing
Come.