The Sympathising Savior

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INTRODUCTION

- This book wraps itself around who the Christ is, the superiority of Jesus Christ.
- The Hebrew letter over and over is warning brethren not to turn back, not to depart from the faith.
- How is it possible that we can approach the throne of God with a sense of boldness? Our text indeed tells us how.

1 The Word of God Is Living and Powerful

Hebrews 4:12; Romans 1:16

- The fact is that the Word of God is living. It is powerful, it is active, it is relevant, so to speak. It provides man's greatest needs.
- First and foremost, it provides for us the means of forgiveness of our sins, and it helps us to understand what to do to be saved.
- It's a book that teaches us how to live this life to the fullest.
- So the point is the word of God hasn't decayed. It hasn't become useless.

2 Piercing, Sharper Than Any Two-Edged Sword

John 3; Acts 2

- It's two-edged and it pierces. It is such that it penetrates. God's word both saves and condemns.
- There are those who love it, and there are those who hate it.
- When they were pricked in their heart, they said, What shall we do?
- Peter answered, repent and be baptized. Every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

3 A Discerner of the Thoughts and Intents of the Heart

John 12:48

- God's word is penetrating so as to distinguish soul and spirit.
- The word of God, and God Himself is able to judge or discern between the thoughts and the intents of the heart.
- Jesus said in John 12 48, He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my sayings hath the one that judgeth them, the word that I've spoken. The same shall judge him in the last day.
- We're the ones who make that decision, but we'll be judged by it. Are you ready to be judged by the word of God?

4 No Creature Hidden From His Sight

Psalm 139:1–12; Luke 16:15; Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

- There is no creature hidden from his sight. But all things are naked and open to the eyes with whom we have to do.
- O Lord, you've searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up. You understand my thought afar off.
- God knows all of us. He knows our heart and will be judged by what we really are.
- Reputation is what others think about you. Character is what we really are.

5 A High Priest Who Can Sympathize

Hebrews 4:14–15; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 John 2:1

- He's not only our Savior by having suffered, he's also one who is able to sympathize with us, to walk with us.
- While you may say, well, you just don't understand, What the scripture says is the Lord understands.
- We do have a high priest who can sympathize with our weaknesses, for he was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.
- He walked as we walk. He indeed was tested in all points, like as we are.

6 Let Us Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

Hebrews 4:16; Ephesians 1:7; Ephesians 2:4–10

- He was tempted. Yet he was without sin. Therefore, he's able to understand our problems, because he walked where we walked.
- Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Mercy we don't deserve. He doesn't give us what we deserve. That's what mercy is.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Therefore, let us come boldly to the throne of grace. Not with arrogance, not with self righteousness, but with the assurance of a loving, understanding, and forgiving, Lord.**

MY NOTES