

A High Price For A High Priest

"No Turning Back" (Study of Hebrews) - part 3
Pastor Bob Johnson, November 10th, 2019

Why did Jesus do what He did? (Heb. 2:10-18)

His role ...

I. R_____ God's Character

(Hebrews 2:10)

II. R_____ our fellowship

(Hebrews 2:11-13, Psalm 22:1, 14-18, 22, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, 8:17-19)
(Matthew 23:37,

III. R_____ our fear

(Hebrews 2:14-15, Philippians 1:20-21, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

IV. R_____ our need

(Hebrews 2:16-18, Romans 5:1)

Only Two Conclusions Of a Suffering Savior:

1. His suffering was ...

(Mark 14:32-42)

2. His Father was ...

This Week's Discussion Guide:

Welcome to week 3 of our 5-week small group study through Hebrews 1-4.

At GPC, it is our prayer for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships in the coming weeks.

Getting Started:

Before we get started with some questions related to last Sunday's message on Hebrews 2:10-18, let's catch up a bit.

What is something encouraging or not so encouraging that happened in the last few days that you can share. Let's take a little time to celebrate with one another and support one another.

Bob shared about being on jury duty this past week. Jury duty is something most have experienced. What was it like for you being considered to be on a jury? What surprised you about your jury duty experience? Would you like to be on a jury or are you glad when you are dismissed?

What is a detective or courtroom TV show you currently enjoy watching or you enjoyed watching awhile ago?

If you had to be one of the participants of a court case, (judge, defense attorney, prosecutor, witness, jury member etc.) which one would you most like to be?

Which one would you most dislike to be?

In Hebrews 2, we learned that Jesus came to deliver us from the fear of death. What were some of your phobias (fears) when you were a kid? What are some you still have today?

In Hebrews 2, we were also reminded that Jesus suffered so that he is able to help those who experience suffering.

We have all had difficulty. Who was able to help you through a season or struggle you had because they had a similar experience they were willing to share with you?

Before we start to discuss the passage from last Sunday and dig a little deeper into other passages, let's read Hebrews 2:10-18 again.

From last week's message, what was helpful or encouraging to you related to this passage?

Was there a question that you thought of after listening to the message we can discuss together?

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question for you?

Digging Deeper:

Throughout the Bible, we have descriptions of how God forgives us, adopts us, and gives us a new identity. Read the following descriptions from Colossians that describe our new identity in Christ.

- Colossians 1:13-14
- Colossians 1:21-22
- Colossians 2:9-14

What insights can we share with each other?

Which of the three descriptions is most meaningful to you?

In Hebrews 2, we learned how Jesus' sufferings accomplished much more than was apparent in the moment.

The same can be true for our own hardships and challenges.

What insights does Paul give us in 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 when life's challenges tend to pile up?

From this passage, which part of what Paul says is most encouraging for you? What is most challenging?

In Hebrews 2 we saw that because Jesus was tempted, he can better relate to how we are tempted. Read Matthew 4:1-11 where the devil tempted Jesus three times at the beginning of His ministry.

What insights do you have from this text regarding temptation in general, how to not let temptation turn into sin, what specific ways does the devil like to tempt us to get us to deny or dilute our commitment to Christ?

In the first 3 weeks of this series as we studied the first two chapters of Hebrews, we reflected on some things we can be thankful for regarding who God is, what He has done for us and what He promises for our future.

One of the Psalms David wrote that highlights some truths we can be grateful for is Psalm 103.

Let's read Psalm 103:1-22 and share some insights or questions we have from this passage. What are some truths we can be reminded of about mankind? about God? about life in general?

What is one or two verses from Psalm 103 that especially encouraged you?

Wrapping Up:

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what is one thing you would especially like to remember until we meet up again next week?

Before we wrap up, let's share some prayer requests and pray for each other. We are better together!

Tips on Group Prayer:

Praying together is an important part of our small groups at GPC. The following are some suggestions that help praying in groups be more positive and productive.

Let's pray for one topic at a time. Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request either before prayer begins or during our prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, let's focus on that specific request. Once it is covered, let's move on to the next topic.

Let's be open to pray more than once. Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required or expected to pray :).

Let's keep our prayers short and simple. Group praying goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group. Again ... no one is required to pray out loud. :)