

THE GOD WHO KNOWS

"So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

As we begin our journey through the second half of the book of Hebrews, we will once again be looking at the many reasons why Jesus is better. One of those reasons is that Jesus, the greatest of all High Priests, understands our weaknesses. We are morally weak - prone to sin and facing constant temptations to rebel against God. We are physically weak - prone to weariness, sore joints, sickness and eventually death. We are intellectually weak - limited in our understanding and thus lacking the ability to always make good decisions. We are emotionally weak - our minds and hearts easily grow weary and become filled with anxiety and fear. In addition to understanding our weaknesses, Jesus also knows what it's like to experience times of testing and sorrow. Disease, death, trauma, grief, rejection, disobedience, betrayal, persecution, pain, isolation and loss. He even knows what it feels like to experience the temptations that often come during times of weakness and testing. What a blessing to know that even though we are so weak, life is so hard and Satan, our enemy, is so vicious we can be certain that God is so good and Jesus is all knowing. He knows the realities of your weaknesses and the pain of your suffering because he has entered heaven and reigning over this world. He sees your suffering and he knows all about it. He knows the experience of your weaknesses as well because he took on flesh and entered into the world. Without ceasing to be God, he became man. And as a man, he faced the sorrows and the temptations and the weaknesses that we all endure. He was tempted to disobey God and to twist His Word. Yet there is this great difference between Jesus and us. He did not sin and he never failed . to love the Lord his God with his whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. Never once did he fail to love his neighbour as himself.

The writer of Hebrews wants us to understand that because Jesus was weak and tempted, he knows what it's like to be weak and tempted. There is such comfort in knowing that Jesus knows what you are going through. It means that as you face the trials, difficulties and traumas of life, you can be certain that Jesus knows and Jesus cares. You can be confident that in your most difficult and darkest moments, you have the love and grace of God himself. God bless, Pastor John.

RAYER & PRAISE POIN

e thanks for the great/w ll draw these kids to Jesus that they will know they are low

God for the gift of salvation that we have in Sesus Christ - for His

acc. nts as they head back to school this week. Pray for our RI Lisa, Chris and Harrison) as they prepare for a full term of students as they head back to a teaching for the first time this year.

Pray for our Kid's Ignite and Youth ministries as they both look to meet on Friday for the first time. Pray for the Outback Aerial Mission based in Lon-greach as they continue to fly out and bring the gospel to remote schools and

JESUS IS BETTER (PART 2)

We are starting our new preaching/Home Group series on the second half of Hebrews today. The Bible Study books are available for collection after the service. A gold coin donation would be appreciated to help cover the printing costs.

ALPHA TEAM MEETING

There will be a meeting after church next Sunday for all those who have indicated their interest in running Alpha, and for anyone else who may interested. We are looking to discuss some strategies and starting dates for the program.

CHAPLAINCY BREAKFAST

These are held at Coolum High School every Tuesday morning and we are needing more supplies. Donations of self-raising flour, white sugar, maple syrup, Nutella and long life milk can be put in the wicker basket in the hall.

PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS

John and Shauna will be taking three weeks holidays starting from Monday 17th July. They are looking forward to visiting their daughter Ashton in South Korea.

SOCCER CELEBRATION & BREAKUP DAY

We will be holding our end of season Celebration Service and Break-up on Sunday 20th August. It will be a big morning tea and rides/activities for the family. More details to come soon.



CAN WE PLEASE NOT SING "OUR GOD REIGNS"?

NOTES "A Better Sanctuary" (Hebrews 9:1-14)

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With his own blood. Jesus entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. (Hebrews 9:12)

> 9AM PASTOR JOHN "A Better Sanctuary" (Hebrews 9:1-14)