

Our passage consists of the last three verses of Chapter 14 and the first 10 verses of Chapter 15.

Only 13 verses total!

Read Hebrews 4:14-16.

In these three verses there are two “Let us” statements. (first person plural imperative).

An imperative statement is used to give an order, prompt someone to do something, give a warning, or give instructions.

We will look at these two statements first.

I chose a few versions to compare. Feel free to look up the verses in other versions.

1. From verse 14:

NIV “Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess”.

ESV “Let us hold fast our confession”.

Phillips “Let us hold firmly to our faith.”

Message “Let’s not let it slip through our fingers.”

What does it mean to “hold fast our confession”?

Why should we “hold fast our confession”?

How do we “hold fast our confession”?

2. From verse 16:

NIV “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence”.

ESV “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace”.

Phillips “Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence”.

Message “Let’s walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give”.

On what basis can we approach “with confidence”?

When have you felt reluctant to bring your needs before God?

When have you felt confident?

3. From verse 14:

In what three ways does the author refer to Christ in this verse?

How do these ways demonstrate both Jesus’s deity and humanity?

4. From verse 15:

Why is Jesus able to sympathize with our weaknesses? “In every respect”?

Read Hebrews 5:1 -10.

No imperative statements in this section!

5. Describe the roles and qualifications of the high priest from verses 1-4.

6. Why is Jesus qualified to be our High Priest?

Why is Jesus a better High Priest?

7. From verse 8,

“...he learned obedience through what he suffered.” ESV

“...he learned obedience from what he suffered.” NIV

“...he learned trusting-obedience by what he suffered.” Message

“...he had to prove the meaning of obedience through all he had suffered.” Phillips

What have you learned from suffering?

8. Read Genesis 14:17-20 and Psalm 110. What titles do Melchizedek and Jesus share?

9. How are you encouraged to know Jesus as your High Priest?