

Firm Foundation Christian Church, Prayer Meeting, 3/17/17, Prepared by James Moriello

1. Our Text: Hebrews 4:16, the confident approach to God in prayer through Jesus
2. The Basis for our text: Hebrews 4:14-16
 - a. Verse 14, The High Priestly Work of Christ
 - b. Verse 14, Our Divine High Priest, "Son of God"
 - c. Verse 15, The sympathy of Jesus, who understands our weaknesses, temptations, and struggles (their nature)
3. Our Thesis: We can be confident that our God hears our prayers, because He cares intimately about every detail of our lives.
4. Testimony: The Blood of Jesus, Hebrews 10:19-23
5. Testimony: The Apostle Paul, Ephesians 3:8-13
6. The compassions of God are great: Lamentations 3:22-26
7. Will God forget you? Isaiah 49:14-16
8. Will God ever cease His care for you? John 13:1; Hebrews 13:5; 1 Peter 5:7
9. What are your cares today?
 - a. Spiritual needs? Salvation? Peace? Joy? Wisdom? Truth?
 - b. Physical? Emotional? Mental?
 - c. Cares for others? Spouse? Children? Parents? Friends? The work of God in their lives? In the church? In the city? In the country?
10. Hebrews 4:16 is therefore proven to be true.
11. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", Joseph Medlicott Scriven, 1855
 - a. "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear; all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."
 - b. "Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer."
 - c. "Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer; in His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there."