“A Merciful and Faithful High Priest”

Intro: This morning we come to study the last two verses of the second chapter of Hebrews and as the second chapter opened with the Author speaking of the dangers of neglecting so ______________ a ______________, so then did he proceed to express just how great a salvation this is that is offered us in Christ Jesus.

A. Last Lord’s Day, as we considered verses 14-16, we learned that this salvation is so great because: 1) To purchase it, Jesus being God, very God, ______________ a true man of human ______________ and blood – God Incarnate. 2) It was purchased for us by the very personal ______________ of Jesus Himself. 3) Jesus rendered powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. We who have trusted in Christ will rise again! 4) Through it Jesus ______________ ___ from the slavery of the fear of death. 5) This salvation is offered to no other creature but us (mankind) alone. Jesus didn’t become an angel to rescue angels from their sin but He became the ______________-____________ us.

B. On this first Lord’s Day of 2011 we will be greatly encouraged in our worship as the Author continues to express the ______________ of the salvation that was purchased for us by the sacrificial redemptive work of Christ.

I. The ______________ salvation which is found in ______________ alone is so great because:

A. To actually and legally purchase it Jesus _______ (was obligated) ___ be made like His brethren ___ ______ things.

1. He had to be made human ____________ regard: with human emotions, with human intellect, with the limitations of humanity, with the limitations of human ability, with __________ frailties, even being made subject to death experiencing the greatest ________ of humanity.

2. Jesus, in this hypostatic union, at once being fully God and fully man joined together, partook not only of flesh and blood but also of the __________ experiences of ____________.

B. Jesus became our ______________ high priest.

1. Not only does Christ think of us in merciful terms but so does He _______ ___ merciful ________________ for us. Zodhiates wrote saying that the word mercy speaks “of the mercy of God through Christ, i.e., salvation in the Christian sense from sin and misery (Jude 1:21, “the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ” means salvation through Christ ...).” In Jesus we have a ____________ High Priest!

2. Dear church, we have a merciful High Priest who not only of grace forgives us our sin, but of mercy __________ the _________ of our sins! Amen, and He became like us for this purpose: that He would be our merciful high priest. Heb 10:19-23, “Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts ______________ _________ from an evil conscience ...”
C. He is a _____________ high priest in things pertaining to God.

1. The God–man Christ Jesus was _____________ God concerning Himself with the justice of God. God demands _____________ because justice is right and holy – as much as God is merciful so is He just. God’s _____________ must be appeased on account of the sinfulness of man. God’s holy _____________ must be upheld with the offense of sin being accounted for.

2. It was in _____________ love for the Father, in perfect service to Him, in order to bring about the Father’s will in saving a guilty people while _____________ His honor and holy justice, and appeasing His holy wrath that Christ became like His brethren in all things, so He might fully experience humanity with its frailties and temptations and yet remain _____________, for the purpose that He would as the Father ordained “make propitiation for the sins of the people.”

D. He alone made the necessary _____________ for our sins.

1. The word “propitiation” means “satisfaction” or “appeasement.” In Christ Jesus making propitiation for our sins by His sacrificial death upon the cross, the _____________ is _____________ on our account and we are brought into divine favor. ... As 1 John 2:1 & 2 says of “Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins.” It isn’t that He made a sacrifice but ___ Himself is _____ propitiatory _____________.

E. He Himself was _____________ in the humanity that He _____________.

1. In having _____________ and ________ suffered the temptations of humanity with each temptation ending in His victory, Jesus is ________ to come ___ the _____ of those (you and me) who are tempted.

Conclusion: Our _______ and Savior ________ the frailties of the human frame, and the trials and tests, the temptations that are common to all mankind, and He can and will come to our aid. Beloved, He doesn’t just help us but He aids us – which literally means He runs when ___ _________ a cry – He is quick to help those who cry out to Him. He is the very present _______ in the time of trouble.

“As Man, a man of sorrows,
Thou hast suffered every woe,
And though enthroned in glory now,
Canst pity all Thy saints below.”

What a great Savior is He, and ____ ____ ______! He is the Almighty One, yet the tender, compassionate, merciful and faithful High Priest who runs to our aid. He is the Only Great Savior and the salvation He alone affords and offers us is so great a salvation. His salvation is the only true salvation where man is saved from sin unto the _____________ of God! We have a merciful and faithful _________ Priest!