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A. Therefore, since

B. We have a great high priest

- What do high priests do?
- Limitations of OT priesthood
- Gone through the heavens
- Jesus the Son of God

D. Let us hold firmly to the faith

7: 26 Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

8:1 The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man

9: 24 For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. 25 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. 26 Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

II. Sinless Sympathetic High Priest

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

- A. What kind of high priest do we need?
- B. Was Jesus really tempted in every way?

III. Throne of Grace

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A. How is verse 16 an answer to verse 13?

13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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B. Let us then approach the throne of grace

- With confidence
- Throne of Grace
- Receive mercy and find grace
- This is the Sabbath rest