

Jesus + A Friend in Temptation
Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:15-16

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1. We have a lot of ideas of what the perfect man should be.
 2. Jesus really was the perfect man.
 3. The author of Hebrews is arguing that Jesus is better than the created order of angels. **(Hebrews 2)**
 4. The Letter to the Hebrews repeatedly stresses Jesus' identification and sympathy with us in our temptations.
- I. Jesus Identifies With Us In Temptation. “He had to be made like his brothers in every way.” Hebrews 2:17**
- A. He identifies with us in the situation of human life.
 - B. He identifies with us in the temptation of human life.
 1. The emphasis rests on the duration of temptation: **“he himself suffered when he was tempted.” (2:18)**
 - C. Yet there was a great exception in His temptation: **“yet was without sin.” (4: 15)**
- II. Jesus Has Compassion For Us In Temptation. “He might become a merciful and faithful high priest...” Hebrews 2:17**
- A. Jesus' compassion comes from His identity.
 1. He is a **“merciful and faithful high priest.” (2:17)**
 - B. His compassion comes from His sympathy. **“we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.” (4:15)**
- III. Jesus Makes Provision For Us In Temptation. “He is able to help those who are being tempted.” Hebrews 2:18**
- A. We should call upon Jesus' ability.
 - B. His ability to help relates to our access to Him: **“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence.” (4:16)**