**KEEP ON HOLDING ON**

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

[**14**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-4-14/)**Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.**

[**15**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-4-15/)**For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.**

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**INTRO:**

**\*\*I’m interested in that one little phrase in verse 14 that says, “let us hold fast”.**

**\*\*That verb, “hold fast” is the word Krateo (Krah Ta O)**

 **1. It means to Take Hold Powerfully!**

 **a. With Determination you take hold powerfully of your profession.**

 **b. With Dedication you take hold powerfully of your profession.**

 **2. It means to Take Hold Possessively!**

 **a. Grab your profession possessively!**

 **b. Guard your profession possessively!**

 **3. It means to Take Hold Permanently!**

 **a. Take hold of your profession Faithfully!**

 **b. Take hold of your profession Forever!**

**\*\*I’ve made a profession of faith powerfully, possessively, and permanently which means I’m determined and dedicated to grab it and guard it daily faithfully and forever!**

**\*\*In other words, I’m going to Keep On Holding On!**

**\*\*Here are some things I want to encourage you to Keep On Holding Onto!**

**I. KEEP ON HOLDING ONTO YOUR SIGHT**

**Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,**

**\*\*When you made your profession of faith, you saw Jesus speaking to you through God’s Word about God’s Will for your life! You had your eyes on Jesus when you made your profession of faith!**

 **A. So Keep Your Sights on the High Priest**

**\*\*Your job is to keep your eyes on your high priest, and let your high priest keep His eyes on . . .**

 **1. Your Problems**

 **2. Your Path**

 **3. Your Pain**

**\*\*He knows how to take care of it all and you don’t know!!**

 **B. So Keep Your Sights on the Holy Person**

**Hebrews 4:14c “Jesus the Son of God”**

**\*\*When you keep your eyes on Jesus, He helps you overcome . . .**

 **1. The Trials**

 **2. The Temptations**

 **3. The Tears**

**\*\*Hold fast to your profession, and don’t lose sight of the Lord – the High Priest; the Holy Person!**

**II. KEEP ON HOLDING ONTO YOUR SALVATION**

**Hebrews 4:14d let us hold fast *our* profession.**

 **A. Salvation comes when you profess Christ as your Lord**

**\*\*If you are saved, hold onto your salvation and . . .**

 **1. Trust your Lord’s Power**

 **2. Trust your Lord’s Promises**

**\*\*In order to get saved, you had to trust God’s power and promises so keep on holding onto His power and promises!**

**B. Salvation comes when you profess Christ as your Love**

**\*\*The longer you are saved and live for Christ, the more you will love Christ, and the more you will . . .**

 **1. Love holding onto the Profession**

 **2. Love holding onto the Peace**

 **3. Love holding onto the Praises**

**\*\*Keep on holding onto the Salvation that’s in your heart that made Jesus your Lord and your Love!**

**III. KEEP HOLDING ONTO YOUR SAVIOR**

**Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.**

**\*\*Notice the double negative. The verse is actually saying that we do have a high priest that is touched with the feeling of our infirmities!**

**A. Keep holding onto the Savior because He is Superior**

**\*\*Why is He superior? Because He is the high priest!**

 **1. He is Superior in His Performance!**

 **a. He wins every time over Sin!**

 **b. He wins every time over Sickness!**

 **c. He wins every time over Satan!**

 **d. He wins every time over Sorrow!**

**\*\*Since He is superior and wins every time, I have made up my mind to keep holding onto my Savior!**

 **2. He is Superior in His People!**

**\*\*When we put our trust in the Lord, He ensures that . . .**

 **a. His people will be Pure**

 **b. His people will be Peaceful**

 **c. His people will be Protected**

 **d. His people will be Perfected**

 **(No spots and no stains!)**

**B. Keep holding onto the Savior because He is Sympathetic**

**\*\*Notice the phrase “touched with the feeling of our infirmities”.**

**\*\* touched with the feeling – Sympatheo (Sum pah thay o)**

**It’s where we get our word Sympathy from and it means to feel affection and compassion for someone!**

**Application: I’m sure am glad the Lord feels affection and compassion for me!**

**\*\*infirmities – Astheneia (Ah stay nay a) It means to be in want of strength or to be weak in sickness in body or in soul.**

**Application: Sometimes I need strength physically, and sometimes I need strength Spiritually! Sometimes I sick physically and I need God’s touch, and sometimes I’m sick Spiritually and I need God’s touch!**

 **1. Because of Human Identity, our Savior is Sympathetic**

**\*\*He identifies with you as a human being because He was a human being; therefore, He is touched by your infirmities!**

 **2. Because of Holy Interaction, our Savior is Sympathetic**

**Illustration: Preacher Booth Tucker preached on a sympathetic God one revival night. After the service a man approached him and said, “*If your wife had just died, like mine has* *and your babies were crying for their mother who would never come back, you wouldn't be saying what you're saying about God be loving, understanding and sympathetic.*”**

**Only a few days later Preacher Tucker's wife was killed in a train wreck. After her funeral service the bereaved preacher looked down into the silent face of his wife and then turned to those who were attending. “*The other day when I was here,*” he said, “*a man told me that, if my wife had just died and my children were crying for their mother, I would not be able to say that Christ was understanding and sympathetic, or that He was sufficient for every need. If that man is here, I want to tell him that Christ is sufficient. My heart is broken; it is crushed, but my soul has a song, and Christ put it there.***

***I want to tell that man that Jesus Christ has sympathy for me today and speaks comfort to me today.*” The man was there, and he came and knelt beside the casket while Preacher Booth Tucker introduced him to Jesus Christ.**

**\*\*No matter what you are going through, keep holding onto your superior and sympathetic Savior!**

**IV. KEEP HOLDING ON TO YOUR SUPPORT**

**Hebrews 4:16** [**16**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-4-16/)**Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

 **A. Boldly Approach His Throne and you will find His Goodness!**

 **1. His Goodness is Merciful Forgiveness!**

 **2. His Goodness is Merciful Favor!**

**\*\*Mercifully He gave me forgiveness and favor!**

 **B. Boldly Approach His Throne and you will find His Grace!**

 **1. When grace is needed, God gives grace!**

 **2. When grace is necessary, God gives grace!**

**\*\*Grace is needed today, and grace is necessary today; and God is giving out grace today if you will just come and get it!**

**CLOSE**

**Some of you have made a profession of faith. Some of you have rededicated that profession of faith. The Lord and I want you to be successful in holding onto the profession of faith and be successful in growing in the profession of faith!**

**I want to encourage you to keep holding onto your sight of the things God has shown you and the sight of God working in your life.**

**I want to encourage you to keep holding onto your Salvation, your Savior, and to your Support!**

**You made the profession of faith; now, will you come and commit to holding fast to your profession?**

**Some may be here and you have never made a profession of faith or never trusted the Lord as your Savior. Don’t you think it’s time? Isn’t time to come and give your heart to the Lord?**

**I’M STILL HOLDING ON**

**People said I'd never make it
They said I'd never see it through
But they don't know what keeps me going
I guess they never have met you
My life was in shambles
Until the day you came along
You turned my tears into laughter
Lord you gave me a brand new song
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Chorus

I'm still holding on
Lord I'll never let you go
You gave me a smile
You touched my heart you touched my soul
And the bridges that's behind me
Lord I burn them to the ground
I'm still holding on
To the best thing I ever found
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 **Voted likely not to prosper
Was left hanging over my head
You'll never count for nothing
That's what most people said
I've been known to be unsettled
I never stayed around too long
But Lord you're the treasure I've been searching for
And Lord I'm still holding on**