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# What we have as Christians

Hebrews 4:14; 6:18-19; 8:1; 10:19; 13:10

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In the respective books of the Bible there are characteristic phrases and key terms. In the Epistle to the Hebrews it is, among other things, the phrase "we have." It emphasizes our privileges as those who have a heavenly calling.

We have a great High Priest, who is able to have compassion on our infirmities (Heb. 4:14). He can sympathize with our weaknesses. This encourages us and helps us to hold fast our confession and come boldly to the throne of grace.

We have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. God has promised us the blessings of a heavenly home (Heb. 6:18). The hope set before us encourages us in our present circumstances that are sometimes difficult to bear. We have this hope as a firm and sure anchor, which enters heaven itself (Heb. 6:19). We have the assurance that we will reach our heavenly destination. As surely as the forerunner Jesus reached the goal, so surely will we reach it.

We have a great High Priest, who has sat down at the right hand of God (Heb. 8:1). The Lord Jesus is active in heaven for the glory of God. Through His service, our priestly worship is acceptable to God. We have liberty to enter the sanctuary because the blood of Jesus has been shed for atonement (Heb. 10:19). We can approach God in worship without fear and we are guided in His presence by our great High Priest.

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat (Heb. 13:10). The priests in the earthly temple of God have no part in the death of

the Lord Jesus and therefore cannot feed on Him. For His flesh is food indeed, and His blood is drink indeed. As Christians we have blessings that the world does not enjoy. A small glimpse of what we have is given by the corresponding phrase in the Letter to the Hebrews. May we use what we have in Christ!

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