

Abstract

Hebrews 4:16 exhorts the reader to “draw near with confidence [μετὰ παρρησίας] to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” This dissertation examines the grounds and nature of the believer’s confidence in the high priestly ministry of Christ by exploring the major themes of priesthood and pilgrimage in the book of Hebrews. This will be achieved primarily through exegesis of the text of Hebrews, giving due consideration to the Old Testament texts and thought behind the epistle. Theological and pastoral themes will also be extrapolated from these motifs, asking how the believer may find confidence in their great high priest whilst on their earthly pilgrimage towards the Sabbath rest offered by God. Reflections for each chapter will also be offered, allowing the reader to consider further how the texts and themes presented in the chapter apply to their own Christian lives.