

Hello! This is Dorothy -

How are you today? What an encouragement we can have from the Word of God! You know, **Isaiah 64:6** says -

6 But we are all as an unclean thing. . . - that is everyone of us; not just those folk out there who are not very nice - . . . and all our righteousnesses - all our righteousnesses - everything we can ever try to do and present to God - are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. What a black backdrop! But wait a minute ! Over in **Isaiah 51:6**, we read -

6 . . . but - I love that little word *but* - my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

8 . . . but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

Doesn't it make you think of **Psalm 23**, where it says -

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. That's for ever and ever and ever and ever! And it is all because the Lord Jesus has made this possible. Oh, the Word of God is so applicable; it is so encouraging!

In **Matthew 4:4**, Jesus said —

4 It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.** Jesus Christ always based everything upon the veracity of God's Word. Please, please see this is what He wants us to do! It does not matter what situation we are in. Take the Word of God and apply the Word to that situation. Oh, it will save you working things out your way in trying to solve the problems that are all around you.

Hebrews 4:12-16 says -

12 For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breadth of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow -*how could you ever divide a joint from a marrow?* - [the deepest part of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

13 And not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open and exposed, naked and defenseless to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do. *There is no hiding from Him. There is no escape because, you see, everything is known unto God. That is why the Word of God meets us where we are.*

14 Inasmuch then as we have a great High Priest - *we have One there all the time waiting for us to come to Him* - **Who has [already] ascended and passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession [of faith in Him].**

15 For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand

and sympathize and have a shared feeling with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning.

I am speaking to you today. You might think, “ Who could I go to? Who could I share this problem with? Who is there in the church who I know who would say a special prayer for me?” Oh, you have a High Priest - and His Name is Jesus! And you know what? He is a perfect High Priest; He has never sinned. There is no such thing as a perfect high priest who has never sinned, except the Lord Jesus Christ.

For it goes on to say -

16 Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace . . . Will you do that today? Will you *say, Lord, I have been carrying this huge baggage on my life, but I am coming . . . to the throne of grace (the throne of God’s unmerited favor to - me, a sinner, to all of - us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].* I love the fact that we have a High Priest that we can turn to at any time.

It says in **chapter 6** of that **Book of Hebrews** in **verse 18** -

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for

refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.

19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul. . . - Have you ever seen a houseboat and it would do well if it had stayed on land, but it is on the water and floating around? It needs an anchor to hold it. That is the One who is the High Priest, Jesus Christ, Who has passed into the heavens for you and for me.

I love it: God is not a man that He would lie, neither the Son of Man who would deceive us in any way. Receive Him today. Turn to Him as your High Priest.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.