

Jesus Christ, the Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

(An Antidote to Fear)

Sermon 55 in the Hebrews Series

Hebrews 13:5b-10

I. The Immediate Context of v. 8

5b – I will never leave you or forsake you.

v. 6 – The fact that if God is for us, who can be against us.

This is taken from Psalm 118:6 and Psalm 56:4 and 11.

v. 7 – They have the example of their godly leaders – especially those who have already finished their race.

v. 9 – The substance has fulfilled the shadow.

v. 10 – All their opponents have is shadow – with no substance.
Ceremonies that point to nothing.

II. Is Fear always a Sin?

A. Human Fear is a result of Sin – Gen. 3:10.

B. The Antidote to Human Fear -- Hebrews 13:6

The Hebrew writer quotes from **Psalm 118:6**

See also **Psalm 56:1-4. 11** “*When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.*”

III. Practical Implications of Christ’s Immutability v. 8

Jesus Christ – the same yesterday, today and forever.

v. 5-6 – Christ is always with them, He is always there to help.
He is able to save to the uttermost who come unto God by Him.

v. 7 – the Hebrews have leaders they need to respect – but these leaders won’t be with them forever – they will get old and they will die – but not Jesus.

There is an eternal consistency in the Lord Jesus Christ.

v. 9 – new doctrines come and go.

People run after some new thing – or fall into some old error.

v. 10 – the new has come – and we no longer need to hunger and long for those things that are passing away – and have now passed away.

Jesus Christ does not change.

His doctrine will not change tomorrow.

Yesterday – Hebrews 5:7a – He had to suffer.

Remember Him in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Today – He is our great High Priest. **Hebrews 4:14-16**

He makes intercession for us.

Forever -- We have a High Priest who will never die. **Hebrews 7:23-26**

Closing: What the Christian knows: I John 4:14-19

We know that Jesus has come.

We know that Jesus is God the Son.

We know that God loves us.

We know that we shall not be judged eternally for our sins.

We have no reason to be terrified of God – even though we are to have respect and reverential awe.

The reason we love Him, is His prior love of us.