

Come Boldly To The Throne

COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE

HEBREWS 4:14-16; 10:19-23

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Introduction:

No greater need exists in churches, our homes and in our personal lives than a new call to prayer.

While it seems that much prayer is offered today, there seems to be little to show for it many times.

We find in God's Word in many places for us to come to the Lord in prayer:

Matthew 7:7-8

⁷ *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:* ⁸ *For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

Matthew 21:22

²² And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

James 4:2

² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Over the next few weeks we are going to consider the subject of prayer; The Privilege of Prayer; The Promises of Prayer; The Priority of Prayer; The Pattern of Prayer; and the Problems of Prayer.

This evening we begin by laying a foundation for this series.

Read passage Hebrews 4:14-16 & 10:19-23

Hebrews 4:14-16

*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 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. 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.*

Hebrews 10:19-23

¹⁹ *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,* ²⁰ *By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;* ²¹ *And having an high priest over the house of God;* ²² *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.* ²³ *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*

In these verses we gain some insight in how we are to approach the Lord with our prayer.

Notice We Have:

1. AN INVITATION – COME (VS. 4:16)

Hebrews 4:16

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.*

The Lord's invitations are truly a blessing and a privilege.

- The invitation for rest

Matthew 11:28

²⁸ *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

- The invitation to do what most are not willing to do

Matthew 14:28-29

²⁸ *And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.* ²⁹ *And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.*

- The invitation to be made a fisher of men (Soul Winner)

Mark 1:17

¹⁷ *And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.*

- The invitation to drink of the water of life

John 7:37

³⁷ *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*

- The invitation to dine

John 21:12

¹² *Jesus saith unto them, **Come and dine**. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.*

How are we to come?

- We are to come constantly
- We are to come unreservedly
- We are to come freely
- We are to come hopefully
- We are to come continually

Note not only the Invitation but also:

2. INSTRUCTION – BOLDLY (VS. 4:16; 10:19-20)

Hebrews 4:16

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.*

Hebrews 10:19-20

¹⁹ *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,* ²⁰ *By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;*

Note:

We must not mistake the meaning of this word “boldly.”

The word bold is not coming to the Lord with a cocky attitude but rather a confidence that the Lord can hear and answer our prayer.

- It doesn't say that we are to come proudly.

Abraham's prayer for Sodom and Gomorrah is an excellent model of how we are to come boldly unto the throne of grace; although he pleaded again and again for the guilty cities of the plain, he said, “Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes.”

Genesis 18:27

²⁷ *And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:*

The greatest boldness in prayer is perfectly consistent with the lowest self-humiliation.

- It doesn't say that we are to come arrogantly or presumptuously.

Neither must we ever think of coming before the Lord arrogantly or presumptuously, for it is to a "throne" that we are bidden to come, although that throne is "the throne of grace."

I have heard prayers that have seemed to me like dictating to God, rather than the humble, reverent petitions which should be presented by the creature to the Creator, or by the children of God to their loving Father in heaven.

We are to come boldly unto the throne of grace, yet always with submission in our hearts, even as our Lord himself prayed, "Nevertheless, not as I will but as thou wilt,"

Notice also the word "therefore." This refers back to Christ's offering for sin.

Because of the Christ's offering we have boldness to enter the Holiest.

Hebrews 10:19-20

¹⁹ *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,* ²⁰ *By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;*

Mark 15:37-38

³⁷ *And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.* ³⁸ *And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.*

1 Timothy 2:5

⁵ *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

Note not only the Invitation, and the Instruction but also:

3. CONDITION (VS. 21-22)

Hebrews 10:21-22

²¹ *And having an high priest over the house of God;*

²² *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

A. Condition 1 – We come through our High Priest

Hebrews 4:15

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.*

B. Condition 2 – We are to come with a true heart

Hebrews 10:22

²² *Let us draw near **with a true heart** in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Notice what's involved:

- A Heart of Faith

James 1:6

⁶ *But let him ask in faith, **nothing wavering**. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

- A Prepared Heart – “Our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience” (vs. 22)

1 John 3:3

³ *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

Jeremiah 29:13

¹³ *And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*

Close:

We have a loving Heavenly Father.

Matthew 7:7-11

⁷ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ⁸ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

What a privilege we have in the invitation of our Saviour:

Hebrews 4:16

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.

Hebrews 10:19

¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

As the disciples asked may we too ask “Lord teach us to pray.”