

Sold On Bold

House of the Lord

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The Letter of Paul, to the Hebrews:

Hebrews 4:16 (NAS)

Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The KJV uses the term "boldly".

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Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

But even greater emphasis is seen in the Amplified.

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Let us then fearlessly *and* confidently *and* boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to 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].

We pick up this bold exhortation from verse 9, to gain a fuller impact.

Hebrews 4:9 (NAS)

So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

A rest of ceasing from our efforts to enter into the promises, provisions and abundance of God's supply.

:10

For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

If you have accepted the rest that comes from striving to obtain, of laboring to receive, of trying to do or accomplish; then you sit down and let what you started, play out.

:11

Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the same example of disobedience.

What kept the Israelites from this rest of faith? Their disobedience was not about law breaking, but about, not believing the promise of God, not receiving the Word God gave, not becoming one with God said.

Come boldly because,

:12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

1. The Word God gives to man is alive, "living", and His Word is with power to perform.
2. Cuts-divides between the soulish/mental, sense level world and the Spirit level. The Word separates from the carnal, fallen realm of the kingdom of darkness and its operation, and The Spirit of Truth empowered Kingdom of Light operation.
3. Judge, measure by truth comparison, the-
Thoughts – what you hold to be true in your inner man.
Intents – what you plan to do, act upon.

True prayer, is an approach of the spirit of man, to The God of the Word, presenting His promise in full expectation of its accuracy and power, presented at The Father's Throne, which speaks of His power to perform.

It is not the uttering of words or phrases that flow from the lips, as the mind directs.

It is not the product of feelings, or of desires.

It is an advancement or presentation of The Word of The New Covenant, which presents the desires of God, on each matter.

Prayer, Petition, is a spiritual approach to The God of the Word, who is at rest, not anxious or laboring, but one who rests in The Truth that, what is in play, has already been worked out, completed, provided for, before it began.

Prayer is not a mental exercise, a reciting of words and phrases, not a vocal performance or oration.

Prayer is a spiritual exchange with Daddy God, within the context of His Word, His grace and His nature.

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And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

There are no private, special, beyond the scope of His Covenant Word, problems. Everyone is in the same game, subject to the same challenges and have access to the same promises.

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Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

We have a Go-between with our God, who pleads our case (Word based) and presents our cause (grace granted).

He has passed (victoriously) through the Heavens, first and second, through the realm of wicked spirits, opening a way for our prayers/petitions to follow.

Let us keep on saying (confessing) what His Word has promised, prepared and provided.

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For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

Our High Priest, walked in a flesh temple, lived on the power and performance of the law of God, and prevailed by The Holy Spirit. Having been tempted in all manner, as are we, He knows how to direct us through our inability to produce times of testing.

He failed not, now He can lead us in those ways of victory and triumph.

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Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Now back to the "bold, fearless, confident" approach to the THRONE OF UNDESERVED, UNEARNED FAVOR WITH GOD.

Boldly – with confident assurance of the answer, because “we ask according to His Word.”

Need bows to grace, when we boldly access His promises.

Points to Remember:

- The Word is not just a book, we carry to “church”. It is the promises of God, that carry us through life!
- Grace is not a prayer we speak before eating. It is the empowerment of a Believer’s ability to access what is freely given by God.
- Know the Word that addresses the apparent need, and possess the key of victory.
- There is a grace gift promise for every challenge.
- The New Covenant is a “script” for life performance. Play your part, and the end is fore-written.
- Living a Word of Truth underwritten life is as easy as, “follow the directions for best results.”
- 2 Peter 1:4 “There are...”