

## Let Us Draw Near

Hebrews 4:14-16

### "LET US ..."

- Let Us Fear (*Hebrews 4:1*)
- Let Us Be Diligent (*Hebrews 4:11*)
- Let Us Hold Fast our Confession (*Hebrews 4:14; 3:6, 14; 10:23*)
- Let Us Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace (*Hebrews 4:14-16*)
- Let Us Go On to Perfection (*Hebrews 6:1*)
- Let Us Draw Near to God (*Hebrews 10:22; 13:13*)
- Let Us Consider One Another (*Hebrews 10:24-25*)

### "Let us **THEREFORE** draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace"

- Jesus Christ is our Priest (*Hebrews 4-10*)
- Jesus Christ – Must offer sacrifice.  
Hebrews 8:3
  - Jesus is qualified. *Hebrews 4:14-16*
  - Offered Himself (supreme sacrifice)– Once!  
*Hebrews 9:11-12, 14; Hebrews 7:23-27; cf. verse 25*

### "THEREFORE ..."

- Jesus was tempted. *Hebrews 4:15; 2:17-18*
  - He is our Example. *1 Peter 2:21-22*
  - He is our Mediator. *1 Timothy 2:5*
  - He is our Sacrifice for sin. *Hebrews 10:12*
    - Own blood. *Hebrews 10:12*
    - "**When he had made PURIFICATION OF SINS.**" *Hebrews 1:3*

### "... **DRAW NEAR** with boldness unto the throne of grace" *Hebrews 4:16*

- OT of priests in their approach to God.  
cf. *Leviticus 21:17-21*.
  - The priest spoke for the people to God. *Leviticus 1:1-4; Leviticus 7; Leviticus 9:2ff*
- It denotes approaching God for worship and prayer.
- It's use here suggests that the priestly privilege of access to God is now extended to all Christians! You are a priest. *1 Peter 2:5,9*

### "... **DRAW NEAR** with boldness unto the throne of grace" *Hebrews 4:16*

#### What does it mean?

We can come before the throne of God!  
*Psalms 89:14, "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of thy throne: lovingkindness and truth go before thy face." Isaiah 6:1-3; cf. Revelation 4; Exodus 3:5*

*"... draw near **WITH BOLDNESS** unto the throne of grace" Hebrews 4:16*

"with confidence" (Greek, *parresia*, meaning "full story").

In ancient Greece ...

- Describes the right of a citizen to speak his mind on any subject in the town assembly. (Lightfoot)
- Only "full citizens" had this right, slaves did not. (W.E. Vine)
- As used here in Hebrews, it stands for our freedom to approach God ...
  - Without hesitation or inhibition.
  - Made possible by the blood of Jesus. cf. Hebrews 10:19-22

*"... draw near with boldness unto the **THRONE OF GRACE**" Hebrews 4:16*

*"that we may receive **MERCY**, and may find **GRACE** to help (us) in time of need."*

- **Mercy** – active pity, compassion
  - i.e., forgiveness for our sins. cf. Psalms 51:1; 25:16; 27:7; Psalms 30:10; 31:9
  - For we do sin, to deny that is to call God a liar. – cf. 1 John 1:8, 10
- **Grace** – "Unmerited favor."
  - Saved by grace. Ephesians 2:8-9
  - His providential protection (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:13) and divine strength. cf. Philippians 4:13; cf. Romans 3:22-26
- How should that change us? Romans 11:30-32  
*Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God ..."*

*"... draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace" (Hebrews 4:14-16)*

- Prayer helps us endure. *James 5:13*
  - Rather than be overwhelmed ... pray!
  - Mercy from God is provided
- Prayer expresses a confident faith. *4:16*
  - High Priest's sympathy. *4:15*
  - Trust in His salvation and intercession. *7:25*
  - Anxiety Paralyzes faith. *Philippians 4:6-7*

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When we are diligent to "**draw near with boldness ...**", what do we find?

- A God who is RICH in mercy. Ephesians 2:4
- And a "sympathetic High Priest" who knows and cares!
- Mercy, and grace to help us in time of need!