

The Power of Mercy: Learning to Access Your Benefits

- *Hebrews 4:16* -

“Let us come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in a time of need.” (NKJV)

“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.]” (Amplified)

What does it mean to come?

- “To come,” means to approach God as much as possible or draw near Him.

How do we come/approach?

- We are to “come boldly,” meaning unreserved in speech, fearless, confident, and free to speak without hiding or covering anything.
- We should approach God in confidence, speaking openly about what it is we need.

Who or what do we approach?

- We approach God and His throne.
- God’s throne is the place where He sits and reigns.

What type of throne does God sit on?

- God sits on a throne of grace.
- Grace is benefits, rewards, unmerited/unearned favor and goodness. Grace is that which affords joy, delight, and merciful kindness.

Why do we approach the throne of grace?

- We approach God’s throne so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in a time of need.
- Grace in this Scripture means benefits or rewards.
- Our benefits and rewards are with God.
- God’s dwelling place, His throne, is a place where we experience goodness. A place where we reap blessings and receive rewards & benefits.
- Mercy and grace to help in a time of need are examples of the benefits and rewards that we might experience if we continue to draw closer to God.

What does it mean to obtain mercy and find grace?

- To obtain mercy means to take hold of it with the intention of carrying it away.
- Every time we approach God we should lay hold of God’s mercy so that it becomes apart of us and it is now something we can walk in and experience on a day to day basis
- The believer in Jesus Christ should always come before God in confidence expecting to leave His throne (presence) changed and revived by the many benefits of mercy and grace.

What exactly is mercy?

- Mercy is the power of God removing things out of your life (like stress, sickness, depression, hurt, insecurity, confusion, etc.) because of the rich and unconditional love He has for you.
- Mercy is what God desires for you to obtain every time you come before Him.



- God doesn't want you leaving His presence unchanged, unmoved and broken but instead He wants you leaving His presence liberated, changed, refreshed and renewed.

What is grace?

- GRACE stands for God's Riches at Christ's Expense.
- Another definition for grace is un-earned or unmerited favor, benefits/gifts.
- The Scripture tells us that we should find grace (God's Richness for you) at the throne of benefits (that is the throne of God).
- The answer to your needs are not at the grocery store, they are not at the university or at a good job making money but they are at the throne of grace, which is the place where God sits.

Let us look at another passage of Scripture where it talks about how one should approach God.

- Hebrews 11:6 -

"But without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (NKJV)

"But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]. (Amplified)

What does it mean to believe that He (God) is?

- To believe that He is means to be persuaded, have confidence, and give credit to the fact that God is true and fully able and willing to be all that you need Him to be.
- Let me say that again, to believe that HE IS means to know without a doubt that God is able and willing to be all that you need Him to be.

What is God to those who believe that "He is"?

- The Scripture declares that God is a Rewarder to those who diligently seek Him in faith.
- What is a Rewarder?
 - A rewarder is a benefactor, one who provides benefits and gives out rewards.
- God provides benefits and rewards to the man or woman who places their trust and confidence in God to be their Source.

How do we acquire our benefits and rewards?

- In order to lay hold of our rewards from the throne of grace we must diligently seek Him in faith.
- What does it mean to diligently seek Him?
 - To diligently seek means to search or strive for God, to crave or demand His touch in your life.
- What does it mean to diligently seek in faith?
 - To diligently seek in faith means to be confident that you are going to find exactly what you're looking for.
- It is in this way that God desires for us to come before His throne and that is in the understanding that God most certainly provide and meet every need we are seeking Him for.
 - **Prov. 8:17** says, "I love those who love me and those who seek me diligently will find me."
 - **Matt. 7:7-11** says "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives and he who seeks find and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who if his son asks for bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give



good gifts to your children how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him.”

- (Amplified) **Matt. 7:11** says “ If you then evil as you are, know how to give good and advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven [perfect as He is] give good and advantageous things to those who keep on asking Him!”

Why is it important to please God?

- When we know that our ways are pleasing to God we have the confidence to come before Him often and frequently without guilt, condemnation and shame knowing that He hears and loves us

Look what happens when our ways are pleasing to God because we are abiding in Christ Jesus

- **1 John 3: 21-23** says, “*Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is the commandment: that we believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment to do so.*”
 - **Prov. 16:7** says, “*When a man’s ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.*”
 - **Luke 12:32** says, “*Do not fear little flock for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*”
- God moves mightily and acts favorably in the lives of those who are pleasing before Him.
 - On the flip side, when we are doing things that are contrary to God’s Word and His character, such to the point that our ways are unpleasing to Him, we are afraid to come and talk to God because:
 1. We’re ashamed
 2. God is too holy to hear my prayers
 3. God definitely won’t do anything for me because I’m just not good enough
 - If you think this way, STOP, because what you’re feeling is simply untrue
 - As children of God we must understand that God doesn’t do anything to or for us on the basis of our goodness and righteousness. The Bible says that there is only one man who is righteous and that is the person Jesus Christ. It is only in Jesus Christ that we are counted righteous and made acceptable in the sight of God.
 - Living, abiding, and dwelling in Jesus Christ is the only way for us be pleasing to our Father
 - If we can remain in Christ by continually trusting and believing in His word, we then can have the confidence and boldness to come before God without hesitation and ungodly fear
 - **Hebrews 10:38** says, “*Now the just shall live by faith but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who draw back to perdition but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.*”
 - The key is not to draw back from God but to press forward until we reach His throne.
 - Drawing back from God only takes us further from our benefits, we don’t want that



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