

Hebrews 4:14-16

Coming Boldly...

Salvation is revealed by Christ as Prophet, this was exercised during His earthly life and continues through His Spirit...

It is obtained by Him as Priest, this was His act of sacrificial substitutionary death in our place. Both offering and being offered in our place...

It is applied (and preserved) by Him as King. Here we see the risen Christ displayed in all His glory. Emerging from the grave as King of Glory, even over death we hear His praises proclaimed in Psalm 24, "who is this King of Glory? The Lord, mighty in battle, The Lord, mighty in battle... The Lord of hosts, He IS the King of Glory." It was in His resurrection that His greatest work was done, for here we see that there is no part of all creation that is not fully subject to His will and power. And this morning we gather to commemorate the absolute victory of our King. He has triumphed over death and hell, He has emerged victorious from the grave and leads it captive in His train. But what is more, He sits on the throne of His triumph, making the way for us to approach the Father...

I. ACCESS BY THE BLOOD

a. The blood of Christ has cleansed us

1 Corinthians 6.9-11

- i. From our sin
 - ii. From our filth
 - iii. From that which kept us from the presence of the Father.
- b. This was done at the behest of God, according to the eternal plan of creation.

Ephesians 1.3-6

c. This has eliminated every barrier, every restraint, every excuse

Ephesians 2.11-13

II. SINGULAR ACCESS

a. But apart from the Blood we have NO access to the throne

Timothy 2.5

- b. Apart from the Blood of Christ we are still outside the pleasure of God and under His wrath

John 3.16-21

- c. Attempting to come to God in any other manner is the vilest of offenses to Him

John 5.22- 23

- i. He sent His beloved Son to pay the needed price
 - ii. He paid the full price, to deny that is to call Him a liar
 - iii. To refuse the offered substitute is to spurn the love of God and the Worth of the Son
- d. The offer of access is here today, but may not come again

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

- i. Since it is SINGULAR there will be no other way provided
- ii. The offer itself has no promise of being anything other than singular
- iii. The offer does, however, have a promise of being always valid when it is heard.
- iv. The offer of forgiveness in Christ always comes with the full benefits of His love

III. COME TO THE THRONE

a. To a King, remembering that He rules us, not the other way round.

b. To a King who gives generously

Proverbs 19.17

c. To a King on a throne of Grace

d. To a King who is honored in the asking

Matthew 6.32

e. To a King who is Sovereign, yet who rules in grace and mercy and acts in love and condescension.

f. To a King who is our Father, By HIS EXPLICIT CHOICE

IV. INVITED TO COME

a. The author of Hebrews

b. By those who have gone on before

Hebrews 12.1-2

c. By the one seated on the throne Himself

Revelation 22.17

d. By His Spirit dwelling within us

V. COME BOLDLY

a. Constantly, without fail

- b. Unashamed and unrestrained, with every need asked and every cry uttered
- c. Freely, with whatever language you have, knowing that God knows better than you what you want, for the Spirit helps us with our prayers

Romans 8:26-27

- d. Hopefully, with full confidence that you will be heard and answered
- e. Fervently, pleadingly, passionately, earnestly

VI. COME BECAUSE

- a. we may obtain mercy and find grace, ACTUALLY OBTAIN blessing
 - i. When we need mercy for sin
 - ii. When we have little of grace about us
 - iii. When we need more grace and more grace
- b. Of the richness of God's nature

- i. Undeserving sinners may and should come
- ii. God's Character encourages us to be bold
- iii. Our position as children encourages us to come to our papa
- iv. The Spirit guides us to come closer
- v. His promises call us to believe and to act
- vi. Previous experience urges us to keep believing and run to Him
- vii. Christ is already given, therefore God will withhold nothing

c. Of Christ, who is the Great Reason

- i. The throne is sprinkled with the blood of His sacrifice
- ii. He is Risen victoriously, and justified us by His righteousness

Romans 4.24-25

- iii. He has ascended in to heaven and taken hold of all the covenant blessings on our behalf. Therefore we only ask for what is already our own.

iv. He is sympathetic to our cry, He loves us, He cares for us, we will not be ignored.

1 Peter 5.6-7