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One of the greatest advantages and opportunities for believers is to have access to the Creator of the universe! In this passage an invitation is given and assurance provided that believers can “come boldly unto the throne of grace.” This morning we will observe that...

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I. THE PERCEPTION OF CHRIST AND ITS EFFECT, 4:14

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A. Realizing the Relationship Possessed – “Seeing then that **we have** a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God...”

- ❖ Believers should realize that they, **presently, have** “a great high priest,” “Jesus the Son of God,” in heaven making intercession for them.
- ❖ The principle of “Seeing” is the realization of something already possessed.

Original Word: ἔχω **Transliteration:** echó

Definition: to have, hold **Usage:** I have, hold, possess.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2192.htm>

Rom. 8:34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, **who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

Heb. 7:25 Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

- ❖ Believers should have assurance that the Lord Jesus Christ is ALWAYS at the Father's right hand, interceding for them. Jesus is THE ONLY MEDIATOR for mankind!

1 Tim. 2:5 For *there is* one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

B. Realizing the Reaction to our Profession –
“...let us hold fast *our* profession.”

- ❖ When the storms of life are rocking our lives, we must “get a grip” and hold a tight grip on our profession.

Original Word: κρατέω **Transliteration:** krateó

Definition: to be strong, rule; **Usage:** I am strong, mighty, hence: I rule, am master, prevail; I obtain, **take hold of; I hold, hold fast.**

kratéō – to place under one's grasp (seize hold of, put under control).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2902.htm>

- ❖ Believers' profession must "say the same thing as God" about truth, being in fellowship with Him.

Original Word: ὁμολογία **Transliteration:** homologia

Definition: an agreement, confession; **Usage:** a profession, confession.

homología (from *homouí*, "the same, together" and *légō*, "speak to a conclusion, lay to rest") – properly, a *conclusion* embraced by *common confession* (*profession, affirmation*).

homología ("common confession") can refer to the *collective agreement of Christians* about *what God loves and hates* – and *the courage* to proclaim it!

[The cognate verb, ***homologéō***, also means "to say the same thing about."

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3671.htm>

- ❖ When such great truth is properly perceived, the effect will be mighty in assurance.

II. THE PERFECTION OF CHRIST AND HIS EMPATHY, 4:15

Heb. 4:15 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.

❖ The possession of the believers' profession includes Jesus identifying with His children.

A. The Relationship with Christ is One of Sympathy – “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities...”

Original Word: συμπαθέω **Transliteration:** sumpatheó

Definition: to have a fellow feeling with, sympathize with (“**touched**”)

Usage: I sympathize with, have compassion on.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4834.htm>

Original Word: ἀσθένεια **Transliteration:** astheneia

Definition: weakness, frailty **Usage:** want of strength, weakness, illness, suffering, calamity, frailty.

asthénéia – properly, without strength (negating the root *sthenos*, "strength").

asthénéia ("weakness, sickness") refers to an ailment that *deprives someone* of enjoying or accomplishing what they would like to do. (*asthénéia*) focuses on the *handicaps* that go with the weakness. (“**feeling of our infirmities**”)

[(*asthénéia*) expresses the *weakening influences* of the illness or a particular problem, especially as someone becomes *wrongly (overly) dependent*.] <https://biblehub.com/greek/769.htm>

Rom. 5:6 For **when we were yet without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Mt. 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: **the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

B. The Relationship with Christ is one of Similarity –
“...but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.”

- ❖ In His humanity, via the Incarnation, the Lord Jesus was tested as we are.
- ❖ Whenever we think no one understands our situation, rest assured that Jesus does.

Original Word: πειράζω **Transliteration:** peirazó

Definition: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempt; **Usage:** I try, tempt, test.

peirázō (from *peíra*, "test, trial") – "originally to *test*, to *try* which was its usual meaning in the ancient Greek. The word means *either test or tempt*". *Context alone* determines which sense is intended, or if both apply *simultaneously*.

(*peirazō*) means "tempt" ("*negative* sense") in: Mt 16:1, 19:3, 22:18,35; Mk 8:11, 10:2, 12:15; Lk 11:16, 20:33; Jn 8:6; Js 1:13,14. (*peirazō*) however is used of positive *tests* in: Mt 4:11; Lk 22:28; 1 Cor 10:13; Js 1:12. <https://biblehub.com/greek/3985.htm>

❖ In His deity, via the Incarnation, He was “without sin.”

III. THE PROVISION BY CHRIST FOR OUR ENCOUNTER

Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

A. The Proposal for Admittance

1. The Attitude for Action – “Let us therefore come boldly...”

Original Word: προσέρχομαι

Transliteration: proserchomai

Definition: to approach, to draw near

Usage: I come up to, come to, come near (to),
approach, consent (to).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4334.htm>

- ❖ Believers are given the proposal to enter into God's presence because of the Lord Jesus Christ being our "great high priest."
- ❖ Like a Roman citizen, a believer can have boldness to be heard before the magistrate.

Original Word: παρρησία **Transliteration:** parrésia

Definition: freedom of speech, confidence

Usage: freedom, openness, especially in speech;
boldness, confidence.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3954.htm>

2. The Authority for Acceptance –
“...unto the throne of grace...”

- ❖ Because of Christ, believers have authority to approach and enter God’s throne room and receive grace to be in God’s presence and seek God’s provisions.

B. The Purpose for Assistance

1. To Aggressively Seek Mercy – “...that we may obtain mercy...”

- ❖ A mature Christian is acutely aware of the need for God’s mercy and is encouraged to aggressively seek it.

Original Word: λαμβάνω **Transliteration:** lambanó

Definition: to take, receive **Usage:** (a) I receive, get, (b) I take, lay hold of.

lambánō (from the primitive root, *lab-*, meaning "actively lay hold of to take or receive,")—

properly, to lay hold by aggressively (actively) accepting what is available

(offered). *lambánō* ("accept with initiative") emphasizes the *volition* (*assertiveness*) of the receiver. <https://biblehub.com/greek/2983.htm>

2. To Actively Search – “...and **find grace** to help in time of need.”

- ❖ God’s grace for assistance is available to discover.

Original Word: εὕρισκω **Transliteration:** heuriskó

Definition: to find; **Usage:** I find, learn, discover, especially after searching.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2147.htm>

- ❖ God’s grace is timely – He shows up and provides a remedy to the believers’ needs.

Original Word: εὐκαιρος **Transliteration:** eukairos

Definition: timely **Usage:** opportune, timely, suitable; perhaps sometimes: holiday, festival.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2121.htm>

❖ The “need” is used as a nautical term, implying that when your ship is sinking, the Lord will provide what you need to weather the storm.

Original Word: βοήθεια **Transliteration:** boétheia

Definition: help **Usage:** (a) abstr: assistance, (b) (a technical term of nautical language), a help.

boétheia (a feminine noun derived from *boēthéō*) – a brand of help, especially *critical* assistance that meets an *urgent* situation (delivering *very needed* aid).

[(*boétheia*) is used of auxiliary aid (remedy), critically needed for rescue (as in Herodotus and Xenophon).

(*boétheia*) is also used of the help provided by ropes (tackle, etc.).] <https://biblehub.com/greek/996.htm>

Acts 27:17 Which when they had taken up, they used **helps**, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

Summary

- ❖ Because the Lord Jesus Christ is our great high priest, we should have a tight grip upon our profession of faith.
- ❖ Because of the Incarnation, believers should know that the Lord Jesus can truly identify with various temptations, tests, and trials. He understands our challenges in life.

- ❖ Because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to believers, they are privileged to have the right to stand before a holy God, entering into His throne room of grace.
- ❖ Because of the amazing grace of God, believers are encouraged to come before God and obtain mercy and find help in the time of need.
- ❖ Remember an appointment everyone will make, and there are only two options:

Heb. 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:



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Conclusion

Phil. 4:19 But **my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**