

# The Throne of Grace

Shepherd's Haven 2022 Prayer Time

Hebrews 4:14-16

Have you had difficulties getting the help that you need these past 2 years?

We could use two words: Access and Availability.

Medical care, governmental services, stores, etc.

Think about access to the God of the Universe.

OT saints; Ethiopian Eunuch

This week we have been introduced to Jesus...GRACE itself...GRACE HIMSELF.

Do we still hang back? Do we feel like we are still unwelcome intruders to the throne of God?

## Hebrews 4:11-16

A brief walk through these truths: 1 Tim. 6:15-16; Exo 33:20; Heb 4:12, 13; Joh 1:14-18; Heb 2:17;

Rom 5:8; Heb 4:14, 15; Rom 8:31, 32; Heb 2:18; Heb 4:16

One passage wraps all of these truths together: Heb 10:14-23

With our sinful actions and motivations fully exposed, fully dissected;

We are invited to the throne of GRACE;

Through the very person who embodies GRACE, Jesus, the Son of God.

## Possible preaching outline with theme of Grace:

### Reasons to Come to the Throne of Grace in Full Faith

#### 1. Our Great Sin Has Been Exposed, so We Need Grace Through Faith

A. Surgery by the Word of God 12

B. Spotlight of the Eyes of God 13

#### 2. Our Great Savior Has Been Explained, so Come Find Grace With Confident Faith

A. Great Priest Because of His Sacrifice 14

B. Great Priest Because of His Sympathy 15

C. Great Priest Because of His Summons 16

D. Great Priest Because of His Supplies 16

## Devotional thoughts:

**Vs. 11** Do we urge our people to “LET US” rest in the finished work of Jesus, to trust Him and rest in His grace...YET, we ourselves are still fretting and anxious and unbelieving?

**Vs. 12** Is it possible that we are engaging in knife fights with the Bible?

Do we dissect the Word of God, yet not allow it to do the same to us?

**Vs. 13** Do we want OTHERS to come out into the light, yet we are hiding in the shadows?

Do we desire open confession of sin, yet see self-righteousness as the solution?

Here I am, standing naked before God. How can I come confidently?

How might I still be dragging law into the picture through hiding or self-righteousness?

**Vs. 14** Since Jesus is the superior, GREAT high priest, “LET US” hold fast our confession.

Vs. 14: He is superior in his sacrifice...

Every other high priest had to BRING a sacrifice, Jesus WAS the sacrifice

Do we act like we or others must still make some kind of sacrifice?

**Vs. 15** He is superior in his sympathy...

He IS touched by our weaknesses...

Do YOU have weaknesses? Do you admit them?

He HAS been tempted like us...in ALL points...Out there in the wilderness:

Jesus was tempted with pride, power, position, poverty, physical suffering

Loneliness, betrayal, he was mocked and falsely accused.

How might we as pastors not get vs. 15 applied correctly?

Can you imagine looking Jesus in the eye and telling him no one understands?

We may think that our weaknesses aren't that big...so we try to do things ourselves.

We may forget the sympathy Christ has for US and be indifferent to weaknesses of others.

**Vs. 16** If we don't apply vss. 14 & 15, we might not practice this final “LET US”

We are not only tolerated at the throne; We are welcomed and invited

With all of the reasons that LAW might make us think we should stay away,

GOD tells us to DRAW NEAR.

As a shepherd of people, whose task is to point people to a relationship with God...

Are you LEADING them there, or SENDING them?

Grace has appeared in the person and work of Jesus...

What does God promise us if we come to the throne of Grace through the Person of Grace?

Mercy for our sins and weaknesses

Grace for our every need....

Do we model this for our wives, for our children, for our churches?

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