COMING BOLDLY BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

*Heaven is not passive; it is full of activity waiting to assist.*

**Introducing a Devotional or Personal Prayer Time
Heb. 4:16**

What does it mean to come boldly to the throne of God?

Where do you get this boldness from?

How do you use it?

What does it do for you personally?

How will this boldness change your relationship with Jesus?

Hebrews chapter 12 shows us that we are not alone when we pray.

We have assistants who participate with us.

**Hebrews 12:18 and 22-24 and 28** offer us **SEVEN** key participants that enhance our prayers. These 7 elements are so strong that we can as it were be absorbed by them, even absorbed into them, and offer our prayers as a communal effort to the heavenly Father.

The book of Hebrews shows us the “better” things. “Better” is one of the main themes of the book. In this passage the author compares our opportunities and privileges to come before God in prayer to those folk of the Old Testament times.

Beginning with vs. 18 he shows how hard and difficult it was back then to approach God. But now, praise God for us it is completely different.

In verses 22-24 the writer shows that we have infinite “better” opportunities and privileges to come before God in prayer. His purpose is to show us the awesome power and awesome assistance that is in our hands and mouths when we approach the Throne of Grace. In these 3 short verses he gives us 7 reasons to be powerful in prayer. Seven reasons to storm heaven. Seven times we are told that in prayer we are not alone but have the forces of heaven waiting for our prayers and wanting to participate with us. Seven reasons to come before God boldly.

1. Vs 22. In prayer you come to:

Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem. In Revelation John tells us that the temple of God is already built. The city of God full of activity is waiting for us to join them in prayer.

2. Vs 22. In prayer you come to:

Thousands upon thousands of angels. When we pray dear friends we come to angels! And what kind of angels? Angels who are already prepared, organized, they are excited, overflowing with joy; waiting to jump at the action. Waiting to hear what we bring as a prayer offering and join us in the activity.

3. Vs 23. In prayer you come to:

The church! There is a local church; there is a worldwide church; there is a heavenly church. The church is a spiritual community of all those born again — the past and the present, and in prayer we join those who are already in the spiritual realm. In prayer we are not alone, we are joined at this very moment by thousands of others in Asia, China, Africa, and islands around the world.

4. Vs 23. In prayer you come to:

In payer you come to God, the wonderful righteous judge who desires mercy not -----. He is a God of love; a God of grace, not willing that any should perish. WOW!!!

5. Vs 23. In prayer you come to:

The spirits of righteous men. In prayer our weaknesses are turned into strength by the righteous men already made perfect. Their perfection is our guarantee of success. As they conquered so shall we! In prayer we are not alone, we are joined by those that have gone before us.

6. Vs 24. In prayer you come to:

Jesus the mediator. Jesus is not — as portrayed by the devil — our nit-picking accuser. No He is the one who excuses, who gives grace and mercy. Jesus is our great Advocate speaking on our behalf.

7. Vs 24. In prayer you come to:

The sprinkled blood. A good review of how that precious Divine blood was sprinkled is provided by the movie “The Passion of Christ”. The blood was not only sprinkled at the cross! The blood was sprinkled throughout Jerusalem. It fell in dark soil of Gethsemane, it was sprinkled in Caiaphas’ home, it was sprinkled in Herod’s palace, it was sprinkled in Pilate’s office, it was sprinkled on the streets of Jerusalem, it was sprinkled when they pierced His hands and feet, it dripped from the cross, it pored from his pierced side.

This is special blood that participates in our prayers. This is not just men’s blood.

This is blood that still speaks and still has power today if we claim it in prayer.

Vs. 28 tells us that therefore we should be thankful and worship God acceptably. Acceptably means with boldness and power, not weakly begging, or fearful petitioning.

We are already participating in the Kingdom of God and we are already receiving a part of it right now. We already have a solid unshakable part in God’s Kingdom. So be thankful, worship with boldness; other words for boldness here are reverence and awe.

God is a consuming fire — that is a burning passion to bring into effectiveness your prayers.

Therefore: **BE BOLD!!! PRAY BOLDLY!!!**

**WORSHIP IN AWE AND REVERENCE!!!**

**For His Honor and Glory**

**Hallelujah, Amen**

Blessings to you, our dear friends!

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