

God's Amazing Grace
Hebrews 4:16
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“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace” – I must confess that I have never really liked our scriptural translation of the word “boldly” – but neither do I know how to change it – nor would I ever – the word “boldly” has the thought of being brazen – sort of a flippancy suggested by it – that is really not the idea – it is a very interesting word in the Greek – parrhesia – it denotes the freedom of speech which the Athenians prized to highly – they were perhaps the first to feel that the average citizen should have freedom to speak.

“Let us therefore come (with great freedom) unto the throne of grace.” – we can speak freely to the Lord Jesus Christ – we can tell Him things we cannot tell others – He understands us – He knows my weaknesses and I might just as well tell Him – He is God and I come to Him in worship and with reverence – I can tell Him what is on my heart – I can open my heart to Him – God's throne is a throne of grace – formerly a throne of judgment – it is now a mercy seat – a throne of grace.

Humpty Dumpty had an unsolvable problem – we have a problem too but ours has a solution:

Jesus Christ came to our wall,
Jesus Christ died for our fall;
So that regardless of death and in spite of sin,
Through grace, He might put us together again.

I. God's Grace Redeems Us from Sin – Ephesians 1:7

- a. First verse of “Amazing Grace”
- b. Kings and presidents cannot pardon our transgressions
- c. Silver and gold cannot buy forgiveness
- d. Medicine and science cannot produce it
- e. But Jesus Christ can redeem from sin
- f. Jesus Christ – through the grace of God can reach down into the gutter of despair – lift up the penitent soul out of the miry clay and redeem his soul from destruction – Ephesians 2:8-9

II. God's Grace Relieves Our Fears – Psalm 56:3

- a. Second verse of “Amazing Grace”
- b. Today's world is full of fear – many are afraid to live – some are afraid to die – others are afraid of riches – some are afraid of poverty – some are afraid of youth and others are afraid of old age
- c. God's amazing grace relieves fear – since God is love, the more of Him we have the less fear we possess – I John 4:18

III. God's Grace Reassures Us Through Danger

- a. Third verse of “Amazing Grace”
- b. Ours is a dangerous world – without are storms, floods, thefts, murders.
- c. Within are trials, hurts, loneliness and misunderstandings.
- d. God's amazing grace is sufficient for those who put their trust in Him
- e. Friends and loved ones may forsake us but Jesus never fails – Psalm 91:14-16

IV. God's Grace Rewards Us Eternally – I Peter 1:13

- a. Fourth verse of “Amazing Grace”
- b. Earth's treasures and possessions are temporal – they wear out, rust and decay
- c. God's amazing grace lasts forever
- d. God's amazing grace is good to live by and it will be good to die by
- e. Christ is preparing a mansion for those who live for Him and love Him – Revelation 21:1-7