

Let us therefore

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

Hebrews 4:16

It is imperative for us as Christ's disciples to establish the spiritual habit of taking in the Word of God with regularity. And yet so often our well-intentioned habits can lose their intentions and become just habits. How gracious are the admonitions from the writer in this chapter, yea in this epistle, to continually remind us that each foregoing warning or glorious reminder demands a response.

Three times in this chapter alone we are reminded by a "therefore". First, we ought to rightly fear coming short of true faith in His promise. Second, we are encouraged to be diligent (labor) to enter into the glorious rest of the people of God that is procured by Christ's work and apprehended by unfeigned faith. Finally, we are reminded that, in the sight of Him with whom we have to do, where there is no hiding place from the word of God that reveals the true intents of our heart, that we have a great high priest, Jesus the Son of God, who has gained victory over sin while feeling the infirmity of human temptation. This final "therefore" brings hope to the truly believing heart, which has heeded the admonitions in this and the previous chapter and now sees that the One whose eyes are as a flame of fire is the very purchaser of our grace and mercy. How then do we heed the offer to come boldly? Certainly not with human demands; but in this context, to even come at all, believing His promise of mercy and grace to help the helpless.

So when you see the therefore, always remember to see "what it's there for."

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