

## I. Review

### A. John 14:12 NKJV

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

### B. Previous sessions

1. Understanding why we expect greater things.
2. Greater thinking
3. Building your new self-image
4. Understanding the mystery of Christ in us
5. Experiencing the greater life
6. Greater Help

## II. Our greater access

### A. Heb 4:14-16 NKJV

“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

#### 1. Various Versions – *Come Boldly*

- a. NIV – “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence”

- b. AMP – “Therefore let us [with privilege] approach the throne of grace [that is, the throne of God’s gracious favor] with confidence *and* without fear”
- c. YLT – “We may come near then with freedom”
- d. Message – “So let’s walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give.”

**2. Words used to describe our access to God:**

- ***Confidence – boldness – freely – freedom – without fear***
- **Antonyms: *Doubtful – vs confident; Bold – fearful – cowardly – timid***

**3. Sadly, many in the church still approach God in the spirit of timidity – doubt and fear.**

**4. Because they lack assurance – of their GRANTED ACCESS – they often cower back. *Many don’t even let their requests be made known.***

**5. Although GREAT HELP has been freely provided for them – they never appropriate it unto themselves – *never take advantage of it* – because they have convinced themselves that they are unworthy of access to ask the Father of anything.**

**6. If we are going to experience the GREATER THINGS this year, we must get over our traditional religious ideology – and by faith embrace who we are *IN CHRIST* – which includes a direct line of access to the throne!**

**B. Building faith for our access.**

- 1. Heb 10:19-23 NKJV** “Therefore, brethren, **having boldness** (confidence) to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, **let us draw near** with a true heart **in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.”

**NLT** - “And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house, **let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him**. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.”

- a. Enter Boldly
- b. Through the door – Jesus opened a new a living way – “*I am the door*”

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- c. Let us go right into the presence of God – fully trusting him.
  - *Notice – no begging – pleading – bombarding heaven.*
- d. Our guilty conscience has been sprinkled with the blood of Jesus.
  - *Do not let your guilty conscience keep you out!*
  - *Consider the BLOOD - NOT YOUR GUILT!*
  - *I am not entering Gods presence on my own merit I am entering completely through HIM/HIS BLOOD*
- e. Keep your confession.
  - What confession?
  - Who I am in Christ – a new creation/ forgiven/ cleansed/ new/ born again/righteous.
- f. NEVER TALK YOURSELF OUT OF ACCESS – Rather, talk yourself into His presence.

**2. Heb 7:19 NKJV** “For the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, *there is the* bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.”

**CEV** - “because the Law cannot make anything perfect. At the same time, we are given a much better hope, and it can bring us close to God”

***NOTE: The law actually caused you to draw away from God. The New Covenant – based upon grace and the blood of Jesus – brings us CLOSE TO GOD!***

**Weymouth New Testament** - “for the Law brought no perfect blessing--but on the other hand we have the bringing in of a new and better hope by means of which we draw near to God.”

- 3. Romans 5:1-2 HCSB** “Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have also obtained access through Him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.”
- a. Access – admission granted – to open a way of access – to render one acceptable.
  - b. Because we were declared righteous in Jesus – *there is NO unrighteousness to deny us access. Instead – Jesus’ righteousness – gives us full access – full admission to the father – Jesus opened the way of access for me.*

- c. Remember the words of Jesus:

**John 14:6** “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

#### **4. Direct Access**

- a. **Rom 5:1 AMP** “For it is through Him that we both have a [direct] way of approach in one Spirit to the Father.”
- b. Note: Paul was speaking of Jew and Gentile – Now there are not two ways to access God – **THERE IS ONLY ONE – JESUS – HE IS THE ONLY DIRECT ACCESS TO THE FATHER**
- c. *Although the Jews were struggling with this new and living way to God – IT WAS and IS the BETTER WAY!*

#### **C. Use your access.**

##### **1. Do not cower or draw back!**

##### **2. Go before the throne to receive your help.**

##### **3. Instructions from Jesus**

- a. **John 16:23-24 NKJV** “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”
- b. In that day – *The day that you become New Creation People with access to the Father - The days of Greater Access*
- c. Ask – that your joy may be full – *Jesus told us to ask!*

- d. There will be a deficiency of Joy for those who do not use their access to approach the Father and ask for His blessings.
  - e. Religious thinking – *I wouldn't want to ask for something I desire - THIS ISN'T MORE SPIRITUAL - This is ignorance!*
  - f. **James 4:2 –AMP** “You are jealous *and* covet [what others have] and your lust goes unfulfilled; so you murder. You are envious and cannot obtain [the object of your envy]; so you fight and battle. **You do not have because you do not ask [it of God]”**
4. **Phil 4:6-8 NKJV** “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, **let your requests be made known to God**; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”
5. **1 John 5:14-15 NKJV** “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

**AMPC** “And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to *and* hears us. And if (since) we

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[positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.”

**GWT** – “We are confident that God listens to us if we ask for anything that has his approval. We know that he listens to our requests. So we know that we already have what we ask him for.”