

ACCESS: Throne Room

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. James 1:17 (NIV)

Heaven is often understood as a place in the afterlife instead of a source in this life.

1. Access Begins with Faith

Romans 5:1(NLT) Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by *faith*, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Romans 5:2 (NIV) Through whom we have gained *access by faith* into this grace in which we now stand.

2. Access = Exchanging

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Your lacking has God's backing
Your deficit is God's Abundance

3. Access means no censorship

Hebrews 10:19 (NIV) Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have *confidence* to enter the Most Holy Place

Confidence (parrhesia): Freedom of speech, audacity, candor (vulnerability, transparency, authenticity)

4. Access is about Appetite

Hebrews 10:19 (NIV) Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to *enter* the Most Holy Place

Entree comes from the word Enter.

In French culinary cuisine the first stage of each meal is called the *entree de table* (entrance to the table)

5. Access is Anti-Social Distancing

Hebrews 10:19,20 (NIV) Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body.

Hebrews 10:19,20 (TPT) And now we are brothers and sisters in God's family because of the blood of Jesus, and he welcomes us to come right into the most holy sanctuary in the heavenly realm—boldly and with no hesitation. For he has dedicated a new, life-giving way for us to approach God. For just as the veil was torn in two, Jesus' body was torn open to give us free and fresh access to him!

6. Access is a Vision issue not a Provision issue

2 Peter 1:3 (ESV) His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness

You don't have a provision problem; you have a perspective problem

Life (Zoe): The fullest of life

“Unlimited strength is at our disposal. Through the enabling of the Holy Spirit, the believer can serve valiantly, endure patiently, suffer triumphantly, and, if need be, die gloriously.”

Questions

1. Ask God what He believes you need right now. What did you hear Him say? Do you trust Him to know better than you what you need right now?
2. What are your expectations of God? How are you dealing with Him not meeting your expectations?
3. Where are you feeling a sense of deficit in your life? Walk through the exchange of Hebrews 4:16 - bring your deficit to Him and be ready to receive what He wants to give you. Meditate on 2 Peter 1:3 trusting that God has already provided all that you need
4. When you read in Hebrews 10:19 that you can approach the throne with confidence - with truth, candor, and vulnerability; what is your first response? Does that feel scary? Does it feel freeing? Does it feel dishonoring? Invite God to speak to you about that access. Ask Him to give you a taste, an appetite for Him.