

The Throne of Grace - Ron Stullenbarger -

"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." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Have you ever wondered what heaven is like? If you could create heaven according to your own specifications, what would you include? At first the question seems easy -- a few ideas probably spring to mind right away. But after several minutes of serious thought, it becomes apparent that we could never think up things that would give eternal satisfaction. What we might imagine as a source of endless joy would fall far short. The sad truth is that people spend a great deal of time pursuing something or somebody, only to come to the conclusion that their goal was not what they really needed. The problem is this: left to ourselves, we don't know what it is that we really need.

That is one reason we have a great High Priest presiding over the throne of grace. The Word of God tells us that *"there is no creature hidden from his site, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do"* (Hebrews 4:13).

In other words, Jesus Christ sees what it is that we really need, even when we ourselves do not recognize what that might be. He knows how to find our hurt and soothe the pain.

And what's even better, He is lovingly encouraging us to *"draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need"* (v. 16). Be assured that your High Priest knows the true needs of your heart, and He is fitting you for the heaven He has already prepared.