



Game of Thrones

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TODAY'S READING: Hebrews 4

What comes to your mind when you think of God sitting on His throne. The thought reminds me of Isaiah 6:1, it says, *"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple."* Another reference to the throne of God is Revelation 20:11. It says, *"Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them."*

But Hebrews 4:16 says this about the throne, *"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* It is a completely different picture than the other two references. Hebrews talks about of a throne of grace rather than a distant ruler. It speaks of a throne from which comes mercy and help for those in need. And it commands us to come before the throne of the King of kings, Creator and Ruler of all, with confidence--a God of grace and mercy.

Our God is full of both power and compassion. His presence brings both fear and grace. He is a God whose voice both commands obedience and is full of the richest kind of love. And He is calling us to draw near to Him today so He can offer you grace, mercy and help. James 4:8 says, *"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."* The same God whose robe fills the temple longs for you as His child to crawl up and sit in His lap.

So where do you need God's help today? Where do you need his mercy and grace in your life? He is a God who knows all and is full of love and mercy. He is a Father who gives the best gifts to His children. Whatever you have need of today, come before the throne of grace and boldly ask for it.

If you hunger for righteousness, you will be satisfied. If you need provision, God has promised to take care of your every need. Your heavenly Father loves you and longs to bless you with every good and perfect gift.

Prayer: Father, although You are a God of authority and judgement, You are also a God of grace and mercy. Help us see You also as a Father that wants to hear from Your children--a Father who wants to hear our every need.

TOMORROW'S READING: Hebrews 5

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