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CHAPTER 1



Way to the Throne

The way to the throne is open, but not many have found it. There is only one way to the throne. It is through the Real Faith. As you read this book, it will be impossible to miss it. The Holy Scriptures point the way to the Real Faith.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence ... (Hebrews 4:16).

God is the Ruler of the entire universe. *He is the high and exalted One who lives in a high and holy place (Isaiah 57:15).* Many people do not believe that the One who lives in the high and holy place can be approached. But, you can come to Him, and with confidence. You can come to Him, even though it sounds impossible.

Actually, He is waiting for you. But, you must take the first step. You can come before His throne without fear.

In olden days, citizens ruled by a king could come before him. Not anytime; only at certain times when the king held court. Then, too, there had to be a special reason for a person to come before the king. It was mainly to obtain justice or the king's decision to

settle disputes. For example, once two women came before King Solomon because each claimed that a newborn child was hers.¹

The women asked the king to decide whose child the baby was, and to deliver judgment. The women had to come before King Solomon with some preparation. Each had to explain why she thought the child was hers.

Even the queen could not come before the king anytime or for any reason. Often, she had to obtain special permission to come before the king when he was sitting on his throne. Here is the account of Queen Esther coming before King Xerxes²:

Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne in the hall, facing the entrance. When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter³ that was in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter. Then the king asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request?" (Esther 5:1–3).

People dressed appropriately when they came before the king. Even Queen Esther put on her royal robes. So, appearing before a king required special decorum (correctness). What if the queen had put on an improper robe? Would the king have still welcomed her?

Today, nations have presidents, prime ministers, and other rulers. But, you cannot simply walk in and meet them. For an ordinary citizen to have an appointment with the president of a country is almost impossible. They are too busy with other things they think are more important than to have a meeting with the common people.

How about the King of the Universe? Can you come before Him at any time?

¹ The account is found in 2 Kings 3:16–28.

² The name is Ahasuerus in the old Persian language.

³ The king's royal baton that indicated his authority as the ruler.

CHAPTER 3



Why He Came

Jesus came for one purpose: to save sinners. He came to free us from the condemnation of sin. God could have left the world to perish, but He did not. Actually, He could not do that. Why?

God of Love

God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice²⁹ for our sins (1 John 4:8–10).

We did not love God, but He loved us. He loves each one of us regardless of who we are. Why does God love us even though we are sinners? There is only one explanation: *God is love* (4:8). The God of love could not leave the world to perish. What an awesome God this is! Only in the Real Faith do we find that God is love and that He loves sinners. This is found nowhere else.

²⁹ Jesus' sacrifice that brings forgiveness of sins and makes it possible for us to come to God.

these questions. You may be someone who has learned religious teachings. You may have gone through certain rituals. You may have religion; but, have you found salvation? You need to be sure.

The Message

John the Baptist, son of Zechariah, prepared the way for the ministry of Jesus. John was preaching and saying, “*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near*” (Matthew 3:2). *People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan*⁷⁶. *Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River* (3:5-6).

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” (Mark 1:14-15). On the day of Pentecost, when the crowd asked the question, “*What shall we do?*” Peter replied, “*Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins*” (Acts 2:37-38).

The central message preached by John the Baptist, Jesus, and the apostles was to repent. The answer to the question, “What must I do?” has four steps.

Step One: Believe

In their response to the jailer’s cry in Philippi, Paul and Silas said, “*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household*” (Acts 16:31). So, the first step is to believe in the Lord Jesus. Peter’s message created a stir in people’s hearts after they had believed in the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

At this point, if you are not quite sure about who Jesus is, why He gave His life on the cross, and why He was raised to life and returned to Heaven, then please go back and reread Chapters 2, 3, and 4.

⁷⁶ The main river in Israel.

CHAPTER 11



Two Destinies

In this life, every person must make a choice. There are only two ways. Each leads to a different destiny. You cannot step on both of them at the same time. You must choose one way or the other. Which of the two ways you choose will settle your eternal destiny.

Two Gates and Two Roads

In a parable, Jesus said, *“Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it”* (Matthew 7:13-14). Here, Jesus gave simple illustrations of two opposite ways.

It is fashionable to follow others. “Everybody does it,” is the popular expression used by young people. “Nobody likes to be different,” is another expression. You want to “fit in.” The wide gate gives easy access to the broad road, where you find a lot of people. You can easily blend in. Nobody will notice any small differences you may have with others. Most of the people are having a good time, giving little or no thought to their eternal destiny.

APPENDIX I

Glossary

Amen: Saying this word indicates that you agree. In the New Testament, it is also a title of Jesus.

Angel: A heavenly being sent out from God's throne.

Apostle: Someone who was sent out to take Jesus' teachings to others. Some of the apostles, such as Paul, Peter, and John, were also prophets. God used them to write portions of the Holy Scriptures and to predict future events.

Aramaic: The common language spoken in Jesus' day.

Archeology: Study of ancient people and events from evidence found through systematic diggings on ancient sites.

Ascension: The return of Jesus to Heaven, as He was lifted up in the presence of His followers.

Atonement: Forgiveness and removal of sin by Jesus.

Atoning sacrifice: Jesus' sacrifice that brings forgiveness of sins and makes it possible for us to come to God.

B.C.: Before Christ.

Believer: A person who has made a commitment to follow Jesus.

Blasphemy: Speaking evil of God, or taking the place of God.

Born again: Also referred to as being born of God. The experience of conversion after repentance and acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our sins.

Centurion: An officer in charge of 100 soldiers in the Roman army.

Christ: Jesus, who was the Messiah—the one who came to deliver humanity from sin.

APPENDIX II

Books of the Holy Scriptures

Note: The books cited in this work are highlighted.

39 Books of the Old Testament

Genesis	Ezra	Joel
Exodus	Nehemiah	Amos
Leviticus	Esther	Obadiah
Numbers	Job	Jonah
Deuteronomy	Psalms	Micah
Joshua	Proverbs	Nahum
Judges	Ecclesiastes	Habakkuk
Ruth	Song of Songs	Zephaniah
1 Samuel	Isaiah	Haggai
2 Samuel	Jeremiah	Zechariah
1 Kings	Lamentations	Malachi
2 Kings	Ezekiel	
1 Chronicles	Daniel	
2 Chronicles	Hosea	

27 Books of the New Testament

Matthew	Ephesians	Hebrews
Mark	Philippians	James
Luke	Colossians	1 Peter
John	1 Thessalonians	2 Peter
Acts	2 Thessalonians	1 John
Romans	1 Timothy	2 John
1 Corinthians	2 Timothy	3 John
2 Corinthians	Titus	Jude
Galatians	Philemon	Revelation

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