



The Throne of Grace

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Warnings in Hebrews

Spiritual drifting
Hardheartedness
Deceived by sin
Falling away
Lack of joy and confidence
Little time invested in knowing Christ
Allowing anxiety and fear to rule my heart
Carrying guilt and sin
Sitting on the spiritual sidelines
Isolated in my walk of faith
Resisting spiritual leadership
Despise discipline
Poor to average church attendance
Doubts and insecurity
Angry and hold grudges
Murmur and complain
Sexual immorality
Trouble maker, peace faker
Spiritually immature
Lack of discernment
Waiting to be served
Doing life my way
Living by sight
People watching

Exhortations in Hebrews

Remaining faithful
Tender-heartedness
Aware of sin's deception
Holding fast
Joy and boldness in Christ
Careful consideration of Christ
Trusting Christ's promises
Relying on Christ as High Priest
Running the spiritual race
Connected to spiritual community
Submitted to spiritual leadership
See the need of discipline
Faithful to church attendance
Assurance and confidence in Christ
Forgiving
Content and thankful
Sexual purity
Peacemaker
Growing in my faith
Discernment over right and wrong
Encourage and serve others
Learning from others
Living by faith
Looking to Jesus

Hebrews 3:7, 3:15, 4:7 "today if you hear God's voice do not harden your heart."

God's voice is communicated in the Sky | **Psalm 19**

God's voice is communicated through His Son | **Hebrews 1:2**

God's voice is communicated through Scripture | **Romans 8:17**

God's voice is communicated through the Holy Spirit | **Romans 8:16**

Hebrews 4:11-13 *Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

Psalm 139:1-4 *O LORD, You have searched me and known me. ²You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off ³You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are*

acquainted with all my ways. ⁴For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

There is no greater insight into problem-solving than having one's motives and desires of the heart revealed. As we study the Bible, the Bible studies us.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 *For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe*

“God uses the Word to enable us to see the sin and unbelief in our own hearts. The Word exposes our hearts; and then, if we trust God, the Word enables our hearts to obey God and claim His promises. This is why each believer should be diligent to apply himself to hear and heed God's Word. In the Word, we see God, and we also see how God sees us. We see ourselves as we really are. This experience enables us to be honest with God, to trust His will, and to obey Him.” Wiersbe

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

“Study Scripture; Read it daily. Memorize key passages. Whenever I dedicate myself to that exercise, I am amazed by how my discernment is sharpened – how much better I handle life's routine trials.” Chuck Swindoll

“If the congregation truly meditated upon God's Word throughout the week in sincerity to find God then on Sunday a word would be a sermon; a sermon would be a library. One hint of God would send our minds to heavenly imaginations. **Nothing makes the pulpit effective like prepared pews!**” Joseph Parker

“Oh, how many joy killing choices we are spared when **we heed the warnings of the Bible!** Mercifully God has given us a book that not only points us to the right path but sounds warnings when we are about to take a wrong one.” John Piper

As we delight ourselves in the Word of God many marvelous benefits occur...

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| 1. God's truths are revealed. | Psalm 119:18, John 16:13, 17:17, 18:37 |
| 2. Satan's lies are exposed. | 2 Cor. 2:11, 4:4, 11:14, John 8:43-44, Eph. 6:11 |
| 3. Our hearts are searched. | Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 139:23-24, 1Thessalonians 2:13 |
| 4. Christ's grace is increased. | 1 Corinthians 1:4-5, 2Corinthians 9:8, 2 Peter 3:18 |

Hebrews 4:14-16 *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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

- *Mercy* is God *not* giving us what we did deserve. *Grace* is God giving us what we did not deserve
- Deliverance denied means grace supplied! If God chooses not to deliver us from our current circumstances, then He offers us His mercy and grace through Jesus Christ.
- God never intended for us to face temptations, trials, injustice, and suffering independent of His grace and mercy in Jesus Christ!