



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

There is one book (other than the Bible) that has enriched and improved my prayer life more than any other. The book is titled "The Valley of Vision" and it is a collection of Puritan prayers. Where my prayers can tend to be simple and shallow, the prayers in "The Valley of Vision" are Biblically based, doctrinally sound, profoundly deep, and poetically written.

The following prayer, titled "The Throne", is one that I read and pray often. Let me encourage you to read it slowly, audibly, and prayerfully.

O GOD OF MY DELIGHT,

Thy throne of grace is the pleasure ground of my soul.

Here I obtain mercy in time of need, here see the smile of thy reconciled face, here joy pleads the name of Jesus, here I sharpen the sword of the Spirit, anoint the shield of faith, put on the helmet of salvation, gather manna from thy Word, am strengthened for each conflict, nerved for the upward race, empowered to conquer every foe;

Help me to come to Christ as the fountain head of descending blessings, as a wide open flood-gate of mercy.

I marvel at my insensate folly, that with such enriching favours within my reach I am slow to extend the hand to take them.

Have mercy upon my deadness for thy Name's sake.

Quicken me, stir me, fill me with holy zeal.

Strengthen me that I may cling to thee and not let thee go.

May thy Spirit within me draw all blessings from thy hand.

When I advance not, I backslide.

Let me walk humbly because of good omitted and evil done.

Impress on my mind the shortness of time, the work to be engaged in, the account to be rendered, the nearness of eternity, the fearful sin of despising thy Spirit.

May I never forget that thy eye always sees, thy ear always hears, thy recording hand always writes.

May I never give thee rest until Christ is the pulse of my heart; the spokesman of my lips, the lamp of my feet.

(The Valley of Vision: "The Throne"; edited by Arthur Bennett)

The throne of God has a prominent place in Scripture (see Rev.4). In it, we read of God's sovereign throne (Ps.47:8), His heavenly throne (Ps.103:19), His eternal throne (Ps.45:6), and His judgment throne (Rev.20:11). Thankfully, we also read of God's gracious throne: "*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace*" (Heb.4:16). Those who truly put their faith in God's Son – Jesus Christ, the sinless Savior (Heb.4:15) – can approach God's throne knowing that they will "*receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need*" (Heb.4:16; see Heb.2:14-18).

Together in and for Christ,

Pastor David

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Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #42):

Deuteronomy 1-3; 2 Chronicles 21-24; Psalm 120-121; Proverbs 31; Nahum; Acts 7-8; Hebrews 11-13

Recommended Reading:

"The Valley of Vision" edited by Arthur Bennett