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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Heb. 4:16 *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (NIV)*

The place, called the *Holy of Holies* was reserved for God Himself to dwell with His people. No one could come into that place because it was holy. Everywhere that the LORD resides must be holy because He is holy. You recall the vision of Isaiah in **Isa. 6:1-8** *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"* Only once a year was the high priest allowed to enter in with the blood of the pure lamb, to sprinkle the blood upon the mercy seat and ask the LORD to forgive the sins of the people. But now, Jesus is the Lamb of God who was slain, and He is ever making intercession for us to the Father. And now, we are no longer kept from the LORD's presence, but instead we are invited into the throne of grace with confidence. Why? Because we are perfect in His eyes. He sees us as justified, clean and pure. This is accomplished by the sacrifice of the Savior for us. Oh, praise the name of Jesus! He has done this for you and me. He paid the price with His blood so that we could come into His presence *and* abide with Him there!

Dear LORD, oh Hallelujah to the One Who has done this for us. You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power. We exalt You above all names! Thank You Jesus! In Jesus Name, Amen