



BEFORE THE THRONE

PREPARING TO COME BEFORE
THE PRESENCE OF THE KING

Prayer Guide

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Prayer Guide from Leviticus 16

10 Steps to Come Before the Presence of the Lord

INTRODUCTION

Approaching the Throne

How should I approach the holy presence of the King of kings?
What should I bring to the One Who sits up on the throne?

Everything in the kingdom revolves around the throne, and the central figure on the throne of heaven is the Lamb (Revelation 5:6).

We are part of a royal priesthood who must be prepared to come into the presence of the Lord (1 Peter 2:9). Our role as a royal priesthood is to build a bridge between heaven's throne and earth's need.

Prepared For His Presence

Psalms 24:1-6

¹ The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. ² For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

³**Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?** ⁴ **He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;** who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵ **He shall receive the blessing** from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ **This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face,** O Jacob. Selah.

The priest of the Old Testament must follow specific guidelines when approaching the most holy place. As New Testament priests we learn how to prepare our hearts and minds to come before the presence of our King.

1. BE COVERED

Have Your Sins Covered - Keep Close to God's Grace

Leviticus 16:3

³ Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

One cannot go beyond the veil without being covered by God's grace. Sin must be dealt with if we are going to enter the presence of the Lord.

Prayer Path

- Take a few minutes to examine your heart to remove anything that would hinder your approach to the throne.
- Spend time repenting (aligning one's thinking with God).
- Find Bible verses about grace, mercy, and forgiveness.
- Pray for a closer communion with God's grace.
- **Declarations**
 - By the redemptive work of Jesus Christ I receive His grace in my life.
 - My sin is forgiven – I am declared clean through the cross.
 - No guilt and shame for me today; I have a clean slate.
 - By grace I am a new creature, I am holy, I am sanctified, I am blessed, and I am favored to come before His throne (Hebrews 4:6)

Notes:

2. BE RIGHT

Put On God's Righteousness

Leviticus 16:4

⁴ He shall put on the **holy linen coat**, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

Linen represents God's righteousness in our lives. Revelation 19:8 says that the people of God were "... granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the **fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**"

Prayer Path

- To put on His righteousness is to be in right standing with God.
- Pray Matthew 6:33 - seek the King, His kingdom, and His righteousness first.
- Pray Ephesians 4:22-24 - put on the new man.
- **Declarations**
 - Lord, it is not by my goodness or holiness that I am righteous.
 - I confess that Your righteousness has been imputed to me through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.
 - I declare that I am in right standing with the Father because of the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

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3. BE REAL

Put On Transparent Truth

Leviticus 16:4

⁴ He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, **and shall be girded with a linen girdle**, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

Those who come into the presence of the Lord must abandon all hypocrisy. They must stand open, transparent, sincere, candid, and truthful before God (Matthew 22:37).

Prayer Path

- Pray Ephesians 6:13-14, and put on the belt of truth.
- Present yourself honest and open before the Lord (Romans 12:1).
- Check your motives (James 4:3).
- **Declarations**
 - I confess that everything I am is held together and supported by Truth.
 - I confess that Jesus Christ is Truth!
 - I declare that I can know Truth by the revelation of the Spirit on the written Word!
 - I willingly present my body a holy living sacrifice.

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4. BE CLEAN

Wash in God's Word

Leviticus 16:4

⁴ He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; **therefore shall he wash his flesh in water**, and so put them on.

Being in the presence of the Lord also requires that we are saturated by His Word. The priest had to be totally submersed in water before he could enter the Holy of holies. His body was totally engulfed.

Prayer Path

- Pray through John 15:3-7.
- Find the Word. Search and study Bible verses about the power, authority, and value of God's Word. (Examples: Matthew 4:4, Job 23:12, Romans 10:17, 2 Timothy 2:9)
- Jesus is the Bread of Life - John 6:33-35.
- We are clean through the Word - John 15:3-7, Psalm 119:9-11.
- **Declarations**
 - The Word of God is the final authority in my life.
 - I am clean by the power of the Word of God.
 - I am who God says I am.
 - I will hide the Word in my heart to prevent sin from rising in my life.

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5. BE COMMITTED

Bring Your Best Worship

Leviticus 16:12–13

¹² And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the veil: ¹³ And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not:

Biblically, incense is a type and symbol of worship. It is vital that grace is covering our sin and that our hearts are pure when we bring our worship before the Lord.

When we have been honest and our motives are right, and we are constantly being cleansed by the Word, then it is time to worship.

Prayer Path

- Worship with all your heart - Psalm 103:1, Psalm 48:1.
- Worship according to the glory due the Lord - 1 Chronicles 16:29.
- Spend time meditating on His excellent greatness - Psalm 150:2.
- **Declarations**
 - Jesus is the Lord of my life, and He is the object and subject of my worship.
 - I live my life as a sacrifice of praise.
 - Worship is not just what I do, it is who I am.
 - I will demonstrate my worship in my obedience and faithfulness.

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6. BE SEPARATE

Get Alone in His Presence

Leviticus 16:17

¹⁷ And **there shall be no man** in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

There comes a time when you and I must lay some things aside. They may not be heaven or hell issues, but they can distract us from the presence of God.

Prayer Path

- Commit to seeking the Lord with all your heart - Jeremiah 29:13-14.
- Take time to withdraw from your normal environment, entertainment, and activities - Matthew 6:6.
- Disconnect from devices and social media to be alone with God - Psalm 61:1, Luke 21:33-34.
- Jesus, our example, withdrew in seasons of prayer - Luke 5:15-16, Mark 1:35.
- **Declarations**
 - I will be still and know that He is God, and I'm not - Psalm 46:10.
 - I will listen for the still small voice of God speaking to me - 1 Kings 19:12.
 - I reject conforming to worldly thinking because my mind is renewed and transformed to match the will of God - Romans 12:2.

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7. BELIEVE

Faith in His presence

Leviticus 16:18–19

¹⁸ And he shall go out unto the altar that *is* before the Lord, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about.

¹⁹ And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

Aaron had to believe that the atonement was in the blood. It was by faith that he entered into the Holy of holies.

Prayer Path

- Faith is mandatory to come before the presence of God - Hebrews 11:6.
- Pray Matthew 21:22 - “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”
- All things are possible to those who believe - Mark 9:23.
- Affirm your faith by writing down what you believe, and then act on that faith - James 2:17.
- **Declarations**
 - I am justified and saved by faith - Romans 5:1, Galatians 2:16.
 - I draw close to God’s presence with a true heart in full assurance of faith - Hebrews 10:22.
 - By faith I confess the Lord has a plan for me. It is a plan to do me good and not harm - Jeremiah 29:11.
 - I declare that I walk by faith (in the Word) and not by sight (circumstances) - Galatians 3:11, 2 Corinthians 5:7.

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8. BE GENEROUS

Humbly Confess the Lord as Your Source

Leviticus 16:25

²⁵ And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.

Fat, in the Bible, symbolized excess. The priests were not to eat the fat but to put it on the altar to be burnt. The fat belonged to God.

All the glory belongs to God. The excess belongs to God. In giving God the glory we honor Him for all of His mercy, His grace, His righteousness, His truth, His word, etc...

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- Give glory to God - 1 Chronicles 16:28–29, Romans 4:20. (Example: “Thank you for receiving me, forgiving me, cleansing me, and making me fit to be in Your presence.”)
- Pray though the Lord’s Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13.
- Be humble before the Lord - Psalm 115:1.
- **Declarations**
 - I give honor and glory to my King, Who is owner, supplier, and source of all wealth, blessings, and prosperity.
 - I declare that Your kingdom is my priority, and Your assignment is my pleasure. Let Your kingdom come and Your will be done on the earth as it is in Heaven.
 - I function to fulfill Your purpose and advance Your Kingdom and Your glory.
 - I have the mind of Christ and therefore seek things above and not beneath.

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9. BE READY

Wash Again in His Word

Leviticus 16:23–24

²³ And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy *place*, and shall leave them there: ²⁴ And **he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place**, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

The first washing occurs *before* the priest would come into the presence of the Lord. This washing happens afterward. After we have spent time in the presence of the Lord, we need to wash again in the Word. **Here we find fresh direction.** In the Word we find our promises and legal blessings.

Psalm 31:3

For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; Therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Prayer Path

- Read and pray Proverbs 3:5-8.
- Read and pray Proverbs 16:3. (Note: the word “thoughts” here means “plans.”)
- Pray to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit - Romans 8:14.
- **Declarations**
 - I declare that the Word of God and the power of the Spirit will defeat every enemy.
 - I declare that the Word is bigger than any devil, problem, or circumstance.
 - I confess that I am victorious by the revealed and spoken Word of God.
 - I will open my soul to the Voice of God. I will be vigilant to remove all distractions and hindrances to the Voice of God.

10. REPEAT

Remain in the Anointing

Leviticus 16:32–34

³² And the priest, whom **he shall anoint**, and whom **he shall consecrate** to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, *even* the holy garments: ³³ And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation. ³⁴ And **this shall be an everlasting statute unto you**, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the Lord commanded Moses.

Coming into the presence of the Lord is not a one-time occurrence. The priest was to be anointed and consecrated, and then he was to stay ready for the next encounter with God.

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