

## Chapter Seventeen

# A Booby Landing

Hebrews 4:16

A close relative to the “...cormorant...and the pelican...” (Leviticus 11:17 and 18), the blue-footed booby bird—so named, you guessed it, for its *blue* feet—is a goose-sized tropical seabird that’s native to the Pacific coastline. The name “booby” comes from the Spanish word *bobo*, which means “stupid fellow.” Diving from heights of up to eighty feet, and hitting shallow water to catch its prey with barely a splash, these good fisherman are probably best known for their antics and clumsy landings. Though almost acrobatic in the sky, for some reason, when it comes time to land on the ground, these birds fail with bumbling incompetence. With this thought in mind, did you know that most airplane accidents happen either on take off or landing? Though I’m not a pilot, from what I’ve been told, with a little training, once airborne, it’s not that difficult to fly a plane. What’s difficult; I’m told, is the take off and the *landing*.

Since our King has already given us full permission to enter The Throne Room, once we have “landed” and made contact through The Golden Sceptre, conversing with Him should be a tad easier than many have led us to believe, and at that, a very delightful experience. The question still remains though, “How do we land in the first place? How does someone in the kingdom approach the ‘runway’ that leads to The King’s Throne?”

## How's your Approach?

Since the lifeblood of any and all relationships is communication; Jehovah is eager to fellowship with the citizens (Ephesians 2:19) of His Kingdom. An existentialist-God *ain't*!!! The proof? Jesus said, "ASK..."!!! (Matthew 7:7) Ask *WHO*? ASK *God*, "silly goose!" (Stated by a little boy I overheard recently, whose words seem to fit just fine, right here!) "You 'silly goose,' don't you know GOD said,

**'Call unto ME, and I will answer thee...'**?! Jeremiah 33:3a

Doesn't The King entreat *HIS people* to seek *HIS face*? (II Chronicles 7:14) Didn't Esther know this; when she said, "...*And so I will go in unto the king...*"?! (Esther 4:16)

Knowing the King's law forbade *anyone* from dropping in without an invitation; Esther's greatest fear became a reality, when *she* personally was *too early* to avail herself of his help. (Esther 4:11) Listen, as she debates this in her mind, "*Since '...I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days...', if I don't approach him in just the right way, it will cost me my life!*"

Let me ask you, am I right when I say, "a good thing isn't good, if you fail to achieve it at the end"? *Am I right??* If you fail to achieve something you set out to do, then you really didn't get it done anyway, *right?!!* Approaching the King for help is a good thing-*right?!* But if you flubbed up your approach, He may then in the end not want to see you *at all*.

What was Esther's sentiment about the King's commandment? She didn't like it, and rightfully so. Remember; his law condemned her. It put her "between a rock and a hard place!" If his law condemned her, then she couldn't possibly do it, *right??* Saint Paul *said* exactly what Esther *felt* in her heart...

**"And the commandment, which was ordained to LIFE, I found to be unto DEATH..."** Romans 7:10

Esther knew that the law would fail her. That made it necessary to find a *different* approach to the King, one that would transport her right up to his throne. Hallelujah, she found one, and it whisked her into his very presence! “*What was it?*” you ask. “...*Favour...*”! (Esther 5:2. Sound familiar? Ephesians 2:4 to 7!) Esther discovered something *even better* than the King’s law. His Favour! How did the King shew Esther his favour? By holding “...*out to Esther THE GOLDEN SCEPTRE that was in his hand...*”! You say, “*Why was The Golden Sceptre so important to Esther?*” BECAUSE; HOLDING OUT THE GOLDEN SCEPTRE (in type, CHRIST) LET HER KNOW, HER BELOVED KING ACCEPTED HER, IN SPITE OF THE LAW! “For what the law could not do” (Romans 8:3a) for Esther, Grace and Favour DID *through* The Golden Sceptre (*CHRIST*)!

**“For *CHRIST is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.*”** Romans 10:4

The access by faith that initially brought us to The King for *salvation*; is the same one now that brings us to Him for *communion*!

### Park It *Here!*

Recently, I’ve begun to teach my twins (*now* seventeen!) how to drive. Before they ever drive on the road, I put *the* “take off and landing principle” into action. This is how it works. I find a very *remote* area of a *big* parking lot, pull up into a spot, turn off the engine, and then switch seats with them. After pleading with The Father for ample protection, and praying for a *slow* sale day-yielding *less* cars in the lot, I tell them (one at a time, mind you) to “take off,” to the other side of the lot, and find a spot where they can safely “land.” By doing this, I’m teaching them, that even though learning to drive *on the road* is important, parking-*LANDING*, when they get to their destination, is just as important. I learned

the hard way-through my first son's attempt to drive, that the state won't issue a driver's license to anyone who cannot park their vehicle *safely and properly*. I say it kindly dear friend, if you can't manage to land safely on the "tarmac;" how will you ever be able to get close enough to The King's Throne for communion? Praying, "Our Father which art in heaven..." will not get you anywhere near His Runway, nor, reading or reciting written prayers, within ten thousand miles of His Holy Courtyard!

Communion with the King requires nothing less than pure Gold! On your part, a safe transport, and a smooth landing requires "godly sincerity" (II Corinthians 1:12, and Ephesians 6:24), and true "holiness." (Hebrews 12:14. Remember, Esther spent three days [it took Daniel "...three whole weeks..." (Daniel 10:2 and 3)] working all that out *before* she "dropped in" on the King.) Once you've landed on "The Heavenly Runway", all that remains, is to "taxi" up to The Throne, and, like Esther, confidently reach "...out..." for The Golden Sceptre "...in his hand." (Esther 5:2) It worked for her Christian friend, and it will work for you!

This is the Sum...

"Now of the things which we have spoken *this is the sum:...*" (Hebrews 8:1)

1. Esther *learned* about her enemy Haman from Mordecai.
2. Though at first she missed a beat (Esther 4:9 to 12), later Esther *obeyed* Mordecai's request to "...make supplication...for her (and her) people..." (Esther 4:8)
3. She *fasted* and *prayed*,
4. *Put on* her royal apparel, and then...
5. She *entered* the throne room,
6. *Approached* the throne,
7. And last, she *touched* the golden sceptre.

[Read through this list again. Look at all those (*italicized*) verbs!]

Do you know what all this means Christian Friend? CONTACT! Esther made *contact* with the KING!!!! Touching the Golden Sceptre put Esther on SPEAKING TERMS with the King! Notice the first thing he does after she touches the top of the sceptre. He asks her, “what is thy request?” (Esther 5:3) And, in verse four, she gives it! (Philippians 4:6b) Thank God, we can “...come BOLDLY unto the THRONE of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

If we look at the whole picture, the revelation is clear. Ruth marries Boaz: Picturing a *Gentile* bride *placed* in the JEWISH body of Christ. Esther the Jew, on the other hand, pictures someone *ALREADY* in that body, walking-as Christ walked-*always* in the Spirit! (Galatians 5:25) When *we* “Walk in the Spirit...” (Galatians 5:16), *we are walking as our resurrected Jewish Messiah walked*. Remember, IN THE FIRST PICTURE-the New Birth, *through marriage* to the JEWISH Messiah, made us JEWS (Galatians 3:29). And IN THE SECOND<sup>1</sup> PICTURE-each moment we live our lives *through* His SINLESS JEWISH Body *SUBSTANTIATES* that Birth, by our *WALK*. Saint John attested to this, when he said...

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<sup>1</sup> We know from reading Scripture that, in The Kingdom of GOD, a Born Again Christian is bone of Christ’s bones, and flesh of His flesh. (Genesis 2:23; Ephesians 5:30-32) You can stop here, if you choose, BUT that’s not the end of the story. The fact is; there *are TWO* Kingdoms! And a *second* Kingdom YIELDS A *SECOND* PICTURE THAT NEEDS TO BE STUDIED.

How is someone in the Kingdom of *God* supposed to view the Body of Christ, *FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN*? The same way the Book of Esther does!!!! Here it is *again*. A *Gentile* King marries a *Jewish* Bride whose *JEWISH* Cousin, after he defeats someone who resembles the Devil, becomes the *second* ruler in that Kingdom. By recognizing Him as the HERO of the story, the Born Again Christian, all at once, sees their Saviour in THE KINGDOM OF *HEAVEN*, subsequently choosing, like Esther did, to live her life *for* Him, and *through* Him!

**“He that SAITH he abideth *in him* OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO TO WALK, *EVEN AS HE WALKED.*”** I John 2:6

Though she indeed *hesitated* in chapter four; not once does the Scripture indicate that Esther ever walked after the flesh. By using John’s admonition (above) and her ensample, we now possess exactly what we need to approach The Heavenly Throne for communion with The Royal King.



