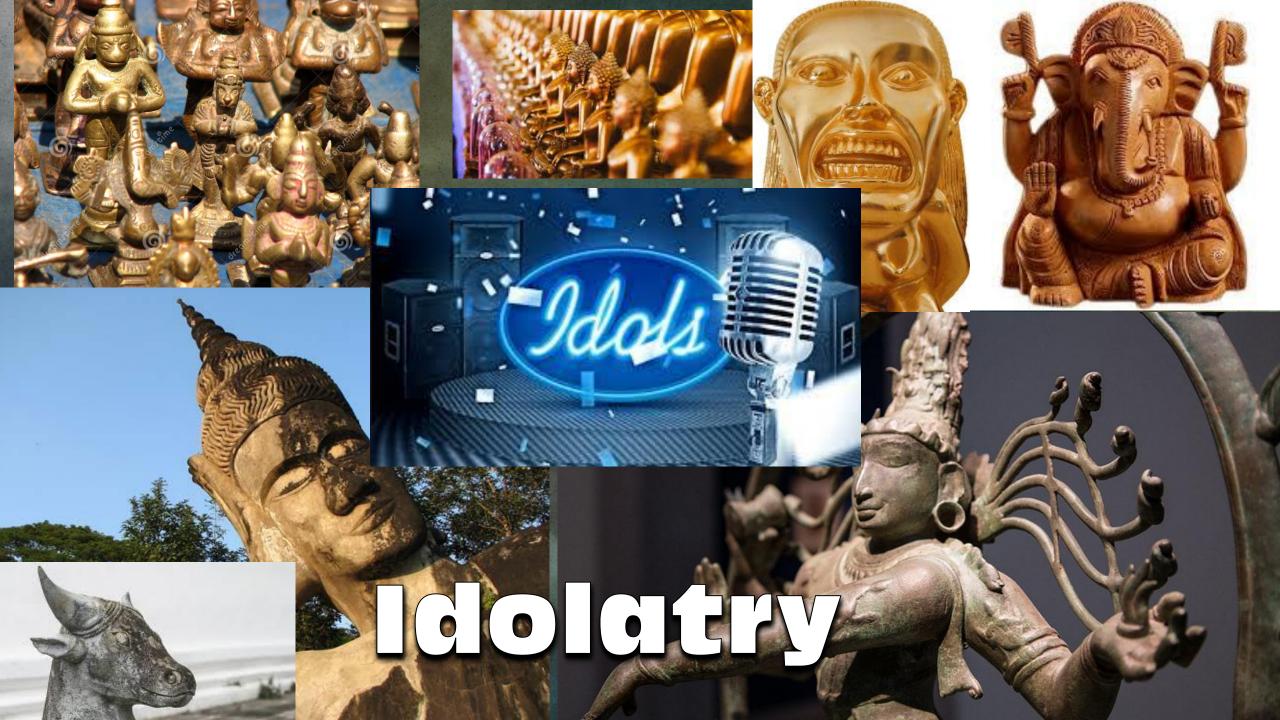
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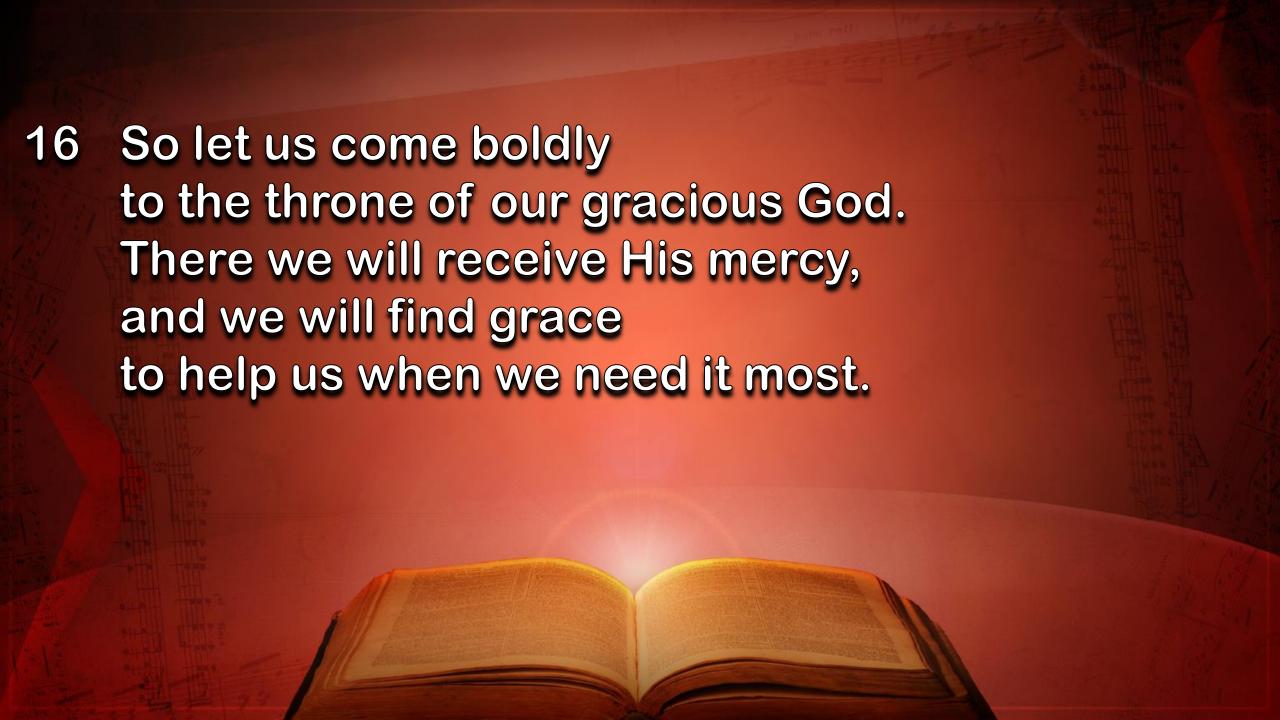
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Hebrews 4:14-16

- 14 So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven,
 Jesus the Son of God,
 let us hold firmly to what we believe.
- 15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet He did not sin.



Hebrews 5:1-10

- 1 Every high priest is a man chosen to represent other people in their dealings with God. He presents their gifts to God and offers sacrifices for their sins.
- And He is able to deal gently with ignorant and wayward people because He himself is subject to the same weaknesses.

- That is why he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as theirs.
- And no one can become a high priest simply because he wants such an honor. He must be called by God for this work, just as Aaron was.
- That is why Christ did not honor Himself by assuming He could become High Priest. No, He was chosen by God, who said to Him, "You are my Son.
 Today I have become your Father."

- And in another passage God said to Him, "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek."
- 7 While Jesus was here on earth,
 He offered prayers and pleadings,
 with a loud cry and tears,
 to the one who could rescue Him from death.
 And God heard His prayers
 because of His deep reverence for God.

- Even though Jesus was God's Son, He learned obedience from the things He suffered.
- 9 In this way,
 God qualified him as a perfect High Priest,
 and He became the source of eternal salvation
 for all those who obey Him.
- 10 And God designated Him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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