

Let Us Draw Near to God

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What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)

- 1) Jesus is better than all the O.T. Prophets
- 2) Jesus is better than Angels
- 3) Jesus is better than Moses
- 4) Jesus is better than Aaron's Priesthood

A Better Priesthood: Jesus (7-10)

- 1) Because Jesus is a priest like Melchizedek chp. 7
- 2) Because Jesus provides a better covenant chp. 8
- 3) Because only Jesus cleanses our dirty conscience chps. 9-10

What Cleanses Our Conscience?

We have total <u>FORGIVENESS</u> by Christ's blood. (9:18-26) We have complete <u>SALVATION</u> at the return of Christ. (9:27-28) God chooses to **FORGET** our sin (10:1-18)

What we are going to learn today in our study ...

Hebrews 10:19-25

The Connection — 10:19 "Therefore ..." (Cf. Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:1)

DOCTRINE always proceeds DUTY, and DUTY always follows DOCTRINE.

<u>THEOLOGY</u> is to produce <u>TRANSFORMATION</u>, and <u>TRANSFORMATION</u> must flow from <u>THEOLOGY</u>.

The Challenges — 10:22-25 (3 Exhortations/Encouragements) "Let us ..."

Note ... These 3 exhortations (faith, hope, love) are an <u>INTRODUCTION</u> to the rest of the book of Hebrews.

I. THE ARGUMENT — The 3 Theological Reasons vs.19-21

"Therefore, brethren, since we have ..."

"... confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ..." (v. 19)

CONFIDENCE

"by a new and living way which He (Jesus) inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ..." (v. 20)

CONSECRATION

"and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ..." (v. 21)

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II. THE APPLICATION — The 3 Things You Are to Do vs.22-25

First — "Let us draw near ..." (v. 22)

The Contrast — What the Old Testament Saints Could Not Do

Exodus 19 ... Keep your **DISTANCE**.

Hebrews 12:18-24 ... Come NEAR.

Concept ... What It Means to Draw Near to God

What it does not mean ...

What it does mean ...

It implies 3 things

- 1) A CONFIDENCE in Christ. "with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, ..."
- 2) A CLEAR conscience. "having our hearts sprinkled clean from and evil conscience ..."
- 3) A CONSECRATED life. "and our bodies washed with pure water."

Today's Growth Point — How does this passage apply to you today?