



DRAW NEAR; HOLD FAST; STAY TOGETHER

HEBREWS 10:19-25

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¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,
²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,
²¹ and *having* a High Priest over the house of God,
²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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²³ Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Last Week: The King Is Seated

- Hebrews 10:11–14 contrasts standing priests with the seated Christ.
- Jesus offered ONE sacrifice for sins forever.
- He SAT DOWN at the right hand of God.
- His seated posture announces a completed sacrificial work.

Already — Christ Reigns Now

- Psalm 110:1 — “Sit at My right hand...”
- Hebrews 1:3 — He sat down at the right hand of Majesty.
- Hebrews 8:1 — Our High Priest is seated on the heavenly throne.
- Acts 2:32–36 — Peter proclaims the exalted Christ as Lord.

Not Yet — Enemies Still Being Subdued

- Hebrews 10:13 — He is “waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.”
- The decisive victory is already accomplished.
- The final public manifestation of that victory is still coming.
- Hebrews 10:25: “the Day” is approaching.

How Do We Live Between Already & Not Yet?

- The King is seated.
- The sacrifice is finished.
- The veil is open.
- The Day is approaching.
- So believers must live with ACCESS, ENDURANCE, and COMMUNITY.

“Therefore...” — Hebrews 10:19

- Verses 19–25 flow out of everything Hebrews has taught about Jesus.
- Doctrine becomes duty.
- Christ’s finished work becomes the foundation for Christian living.
- Our response is grounded in what Christ has already accomplished.

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A Radical Privilege: Enter the Holiest

- Under the Old Covenant, access to the Most Holy Place was restricted.
- Only the high priest entered — once a year — and never without blood.
- Hebrews 9:6–8: the old sanctuary communicated limited access.
- Hebrews 10:19 announces something astonishing: **WE MAY ENTER.**

From “KEEP OUT” to “COME IN”

- Hebrews 4:16 — “come boldly to the throne of grace.”
- Hebrews 10:19 — “boldness to enter the Holiest.”
- Our confidence is not confidence in ourselves.
- It is confidence in the sufficiency of Jesus Christ.

Life Application: When You Need God — COME

- When you fail — come.
- When you struggle — come.
- When you need mercy — come.
- When you need grace — come.
- The answer to weakness is not running FROM God, but TO God through Christ.

The Price of Access: His Blood

- “Having boldness to enter the Holiest BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS.”
- We did not earn admission into God’s presence.
- Hebrews 9:12 — Christ entered by His own blood.
- Hebrews 9:24 — He appears in God’s presence for us.

A New and Living Way

- Jesus did not merely improve the old sacrificial system.
- He opened a NEW way into God's presence.
- It is a LIVING way because our access is through a living Savior.
- John 14:6 — Jesus Himself is “the way.”

A New and Living Way – Hebrews 10:20

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Through the Veil — His Flesh

- Hebrews 10:20 connects the veil with Christ's sacrificial body.
- Matthew 27:50–51 — at Jesus' death the temple veil was torn.
- The barrier symbolizing restricted access was opened.
- God made the way through the sacrifice of His Son.

Jesus Went Behind the Veil FOR US

- Hebrews 6:19–20 — our hope enters “behind the veil.”
- Jesus entered there as our FORERUNNER.
- A forerunner enters ahead of others who will follow.
- Jesus brings His people into the presence of God.

Heb 10:21–22.

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1982),

Our Great High Priest

- Hebrews 10:21 — we have a great Priest over the house of God.
- Hebrews 7:25 — He always lives to make intercession.
- Our salvation rests on a completed sacrifice and a living Savior.
- We have His blood AND His continuing priestly ministry.

LET US #1 — DRAW NEAR

- Hebrews 4:16 — come boldly.
- Hebrews 7:25 — come to God through Him.
- Hebrews 10:22 — let us draw near.
- Hebrews 11:6 — the one who comes to God must believe.
- Hebrews 12:22 — “you have come to Mount Zion.”

Draw Near With a TRUE Heart

- God wants more than physical proximity to religious activity.
- A “true heart” is sincere — not divided, pretended, or hypocritical.
- We can attend worship while our hearts remain far away.
- Question: Am I around the things of God, or am I pursuing God?

Full Assurance of Faith

- We do not approach God wondering whether Christ's sacrifice was enough.
- Our assurance is grounded in Christ — not changing emotions.
- The better we understand His finished work, the more confidently we rest in Him.
- Faith takes God at His word.

A Cleansed Conscience

- Hebrews 10:22 — hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.
- Hebrews 9:14 — Christ's blood cleanses the conscience from dead works.
- The New Covenant reaches deeper than external ritual.
- Christ deals with guilt so we may serve the living God.

LET US #2 — HOLD FAST

- Hebrews 10:23 — hold fast the confession of our hope WITHOUT WAVERING.
- Hebrews 3:6 — hold fast our confidence.
- Hebrews 3:14 — remain steadfast to the end.
- Hebrews 4:14 — hold fast our confession.
- Christian faith is not merely about starting — but persevering.

Why Can We Hold Fast?

- Not because we are naturally strong.
- Not because circumstances are always favorable.
- Not because we never experience doubt or pressure.
- “For HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL.” — Hebrews 10:23

When Pressure Says “LET GO”

- Disappointment says: Let go.
- Suffering says: Let go.
- Culture says: Compromise.
- False teaching says: Reconsider Christ.
- Hebrews says: HOLD FAST — because God is faithful.

LET US #3 — CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER

- Hebrews moves from our access to GOD to our responsibility for ONE ANOTHER.
- The gospel does not merely create isolated Christians.
- The gospel creates a PEOPLE.
- Christian maturity includes intentionally thinking about the spiritual good of others.

“Consider One Another”

- Who is struggling?
- Who is discouraged?
- Who has been missing?
- Who needs prayer, correction, celebration, or companionship?
- Church must become more than strangers listening to the same sermon.

Provoke One Another — In the RIGHT Direction

- Hebrews 10:24 — stir up one another to LOVE and GOOD WORKS.
- Our presence should strengthen somebody else's walk with Christ.
- Ask: Does my presence among God's people make anyone stronger?
- Church is not only: "What did I get?" — but "Who did I strengthen?"

“Not Forsaking the Assembling...”

- Hebrews 10:25 addresses a HABIT or PATTERN of abandoning the gathering.
- The concern is not an unavoidable missed service.
- Some believers were withdrawing from the gathered community.
- The command is directly connected to mutual encouragement in verse 24.

Why the Assembly Matters

- How do we “consider one another” while remaining disconnected?
- How do we stir one another toward love while living in isolation?
- How do we bear burdens we never share?
- How do we encourage people we never meaningfully engage?
- WE GATHER BECAUSE WE NEED ONE ANOTHER.

Church Is Not a Sermon Delivery System

- Online preaching can be useful — but it cannot replace the biblical congregation.
- Church is more than consuming religious content.
- The New Testament commands believers to love, serve, pray for, teach, forgive, and bear with ONE ANOTHER.
- Christianity cannot be faithfully lived in isolation.

The Body Destroys Isolated Christianity

- 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 — the church is one body with many members.
- The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you.”
- Spiritual maturity does not make us independent of the body.
- It teaches us how deeply God designed us to need one another.

When the Church Hurts

- Churches and leaders can genuinely disappoint people.
- Scripture does not require us to pretend those failures are unreal.
- But the failure of God's people does not cancel God's design for His people.
- The answer to unhealthy fellowship is healthy fellowship — not isolation.

Your Presence Is Not Only About YOU

- Someone may need your testimony.
- Someone may need your prayer or wisdom.
- A younger believer may need your example.
- Someone may need to see you remain faithful while hurting.
- Hebrews asks not only, “Do I need church?” but “Who may need me there?”

Imperfect People Need Biblical Fellowship

- Colossians 3:13 commands believers to bear with and forgive one another.
- Those commands assume relational difficulty will occur.
- Christian fellowship is not the absence of disappointment.
- It is learning to practice Christlike love in the middle of it.

Isolation Makes Drift Easier

- Hebrews 2:1 — beware of drifting away.
- Hebrews 3:12 — beware of departing from the living God.
- Hebrews 3:13 — exhort one another daily against sin's deceitfulness.
- God uses other believers as one means of protecting us from spiritual drift.

Gathering Requires Participation

- Hebrews does not merely say: get your body into a building.
- It says: EXHORT one another.
- We gather to worship, hear, pray, serve, give, comfort, correct, and encourage.
- You can be physically present and still relationally disconnected.

Healthy Fellowship Works Both Ways

- Church leaders should cultivate environments where people are known and cared for.
- Believers must also be willing to connect, communicate, and receive care.
- For burdens to be carried, burdens sometimes must be shared.
- Biblical fellowship requires intentionality from the whole body.

“So Much the More...”

- Hebrews does NOT say gathering becomes less important with time.
- It says: “SO MUCH THE MORE.”
- Pressure, temptation, false teaching, discouragement, and compromise make fellowship MORE necessary.
- The approaching Day should intensify our commitment to one another.

“As You See the Day Approaching”

- Christ is seated NOW.
- His sacrifice is complete NOW.
- His kingdom is already inaugurated.
- Yet the final consummation is still ahead.
- We gather as people waiting faithfully for the returning King.

Hebrews 12:22–24 — We Have Come

- Believers have already come to Mount Zion and the heavenly Jerusalem.
- We belong to the “general assembly and church of the firstborn.”
- Our earthly gatherings anticipate the ultimate gathering of God’s redeemed people.
- The church lives now in light of the heavenly reality.

The Movement of Hebrews 10:19–25

- CHRIST OPENED THE WAY → Draw near.
- GOD IS FAITHFUL → Hold fast.
- WE ARE A PEOPLE → Consider one another.
- WE NEED ENCOURAGEMENT → Do not abandon the assembly.
- THE DAY IS APPROACHING → Gather and encourage all the more.

Three Directions of Christian Faithfulness

- LOOK UP — Draw near to God.
- HOLD ON — Hold fast to your confession.
- LOOK AROUND — Consider God's people.
- The Christian life is vertical, steadfast, and communal.

Life Application

- When you sin — DRAW NEAR.
- When your faith is tested — HOLD FAST.
- When someone struggles — CONSIDER THEM.
- When church disappoints — PURSUE BIBLICAL RESOLUTION.
- When the world grows darker — GATHER MORE, NOT LESS.

The Veil Is Open — Don't Live at a Distance

- Jesus has offered the perfect sacrifice.
- Jesus is seated and reigning.
- Jesus has opened the way into God's presence.
- Jesus has given us a church family to strengthen one another.
- Jesus is coming again.

Until the King Comes...

- DRAW NEAR.
- HOLD FAST.
- STAY CONNECTED.
- ENCOURAGE SOMEBODY.
- KEEP GATHERING.
- KEEP LOOKING FOR THE DAY.