

## SERMON OUTLINE

In Hebrews 10:19-25, we are shown a classic example of the 2 fundamental aspects of Biblical obedience.

- I. Commands to obey are based on indicative truths.
  - A. Since we have confidence to enter into God's presence (v. 19a).
    - 1. by Jesus' blood (v. 19b).
    - 2. through a new & living way (v. 20).
  - B. Since we have a great high priest (v. 21).
- II. Indicative truths fuel our obedience to commands.
  - A. Let us draw near to God (v. 22).
  - B. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope (v. 23).
  - C. Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works (v. 24).
    - 1. Do not neglect meeting together (v. 25a).
    - 2. Do encourage one another (v. 25b).
    - 3. Even more as the Day of Christ's return draws near (v. 25c).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 27, 2020

Passage: Hebrews 10:19-25

Memory Passage: Hebrews 10:19-25

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 10:19-25 & 4:14-16.** Verses 19-25 form an inclusion (“bookends”) with 4:14-16. What similarities do you identify between these 2 texts? Within these similarities, how are the concepts advanced (e.g. in 4:16 we are commanded to be confident and in 10:19 we are reminded that we possess confidence)?

(b) What is the structure of 10:19-25? Note: several markers in the text can help with structure, but repeated words/phrases are especially helpful and important in 10:19-25.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Hebrews 10:19-25.** Verses 19-21 contain 2 foundations (“since”) for the exhortations that follow. Explain the first “since” statement, then expound upon your explanation using what you have learned from 4:14-10:18. In other words, vs. 19-20 contain summaries of arguments already made, so explain the claims in more detail based on what you’ve learned.

(b) Explain the second “since” statement, then expound upon your explanation using what you have learned from 4:14-10:18.

(c) Why did Old Covenant worshipers lack confidence to enter into the earthly holy place, and how does Christ’s blood provide confidence for New Covenant worshipers to enter into the presence of God (the heavenly holy place; cf. 9:24)?

(d) In what way is Christ’s body “the curtain” through which we enter?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 10:10-25.** Based on our 2 “since” statements we now have 3 “Let us” commands. What does it mean to “draw near” to Christ, and how is this drawing near enabled by the 2 foundational “since” statements (vs. 19-21)?

(b) Explain the 4 descriptions of the manner and means of drawing near (v. 22).

(c) What is the current state of your “drawing near” to Christ? Are you actively drawing near based on Christ’s work, in your personal relationship with Him, your battle against sin, as well as your uniting to other believers (believers are God’s temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, cf. 1 Cor. 3:16)? In what ways might you actively increase in your passion for drawing near to God?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb 10:19-25.** What is “the confession of our hope” to which we are to hold fast (2<sup>nd</sup> “Let us” command; v. 23)?

(b) Why would the first-century hearers of Hebrews be tempted to “waver” and not “hold fast?”

(c) Why is God’s faithfulness the ground for holding fast, and to what promise is referred?

(d) In what ways are you tempted to waver in your steadfast confession of your hope? How does this verse equip and encourage you to actively fight against wavering? What, exactly, does holding fast look like in the midst of your trials?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 10:19-25.** What is the main verb in the final “Let us” statement (vs. 24-25)?

(b) Are “love” and “good deeds” 2 separate categories of actions we are to stir one another up toward, or are they 2 ways of describing the same types of work (cf. 6:10)?

(c) Evaluate your commitment to gathering with the saints. Are you “in the habit of” neglecting to meet with other believers? Is God pleased with your reasons for neglecting to meet with other believers? How might you grow in your passion for meeting (not just meeting out of duty, but out of passion and joy and love)? What do you miss when you neglect to meet, and what do those who meet miss when you neglect to meet with them?

(d) What is “the Day” and how does it’s approaching motivate you to gather together in order to encourage others?

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*Since We Have . . . Let Us!*