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THE GOSPEL IN HEBREWS DRAWING NEAR



**TAKE CARE, BROTHERS, LEST THERE BE IN ANY OF YOU
AN EVIL, UNBELIEVING HEART, LEADING YOU TO
FALL AWAY FROM THE LIVING GOD.**

(HEBREWS 3:12 ESV)

The Gospel in Hebrews

God speaks very clearly in Hebrews of the new, living way he has provided for us to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus. His very deliberate, planned purpose in giving us entrance to the holy places was that we would draw near to him.

1) The way has been provided into the holy places so that we might draw near to God, 10:19-22.

- (Hebrews 10:19–22 ESV) Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
- A) We are to confidently enter the holy places by the new and living way based on the finished work of Jesus Christ, 10:19-20.
- B) We are to draw near to God in the holy places in full assurance of faith since we have a great high priest over the house of God, 10:21-22a.

2) We are to draw near to God fully believing him for the way he has provided, 10:22-25.

- (Hebrews 10:22–25 ESV) Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
- A) We are to draw near to God fully believing God, 10:22.

WHAT ARE YOU OFFERING FOR YOUR SIN?

Our hearts can only be cleaned from our guilty conscience by the blood of Jesus. Nothing else can wash away the stains and torments from our hearts and minds. Nothing else brings victory over the guilt and torment of our fallen

nature.

So we must examine ourselves. If we are not fully receiving God's cleansing and forgiveness, then we are still in some way holding on to our old ideas of sacrifice for sin and forgiveness.

Goats and bulls? No, but are you offering your goodness as a sacrifice? Think about it. When you are hoping ... in any way ... that God will forgive you because of the good things you are doing or have done ... or that God won't be mad at you because your good things outweigh your bad things ... **Aren't you offering your goodness as a sacrifice for your sins?**

But this will neither cleanse your conscience nor bring you forgiveness of sins. Only in the blood of Jesus is there forgiveness of sins.

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- B) We are to draw near to God holding fast to what we believe without wavering, 10:23.
- C) We are to draw near to God considering how to motivate and encourage one another increasingly as the Day draws near, 10:24-25.

3) If we do not accept the way God provides into the holy places to draw near to him, then we should expect only judgment from God, 10:26-31.

- A) Drawing near to God is the only acceptable response once we understand the truth of his offer, 10:26-31.
- (Hebrews 10:26–31 ESV) For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Sin of apostasy ... "falling away" ...

- (Hebrews 3:12–15 ESV) Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you **an evil, unbelieving heart**, leading you to **fall away** from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of **sin**. 14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. 15 As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."
- (Hebrews 3:16–19 ESV) For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? 17 And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19 **So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.**

B) Drawing near to God continues by faith through everything and never shrinks back from believing God, 10:32-39.

- (Hebrews 10:32–39 ESV) But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. 35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. 37 For, "Yet a little while,

and the coming one will come and will not delay; 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Jesus Christ: Our Sin-Bearer & High Priest ...

- (Hebrews 1:3 ESV) He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for **sins**, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
- (Hebrews 2:17 ESV) Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become **a merciful and faithful high priest** in the service of God, to make propitiation for the **sins** of the people.
- (Hebrews 3:1 ESV) Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and **high priest of our confession**.
- (Hebrews 4:14-15 ESV) Since then we have **a great high priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without **sin**.
- (Hebrews 6:19–20 ESV) We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become **a high priest forever** after the order of Melchizedek.
- (Hebrews 7:26–27 ESV) For it was indeed fitting that we should have **such a high priest**, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from **sinners**, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own **sins** and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.
- (Hebrews 8:1–2 ESV) Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have **such a high priest**, one who is seated at the right hand of

the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

- (Hebrews 8:12 ESV) For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their **sins** no more.
- (Hebrews 9:26 ESV) For then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away **sin** by the sacrifice of himself.
- (Hebrews 9:28 ESV) So Christ, having been offered once to bear the **sins** of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with **sin** but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.
- (Hebrews 10:11–12 ESV) And every priest stands daily at his service, offering

repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away **sins**. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for **sins**, he sat down at the right hand of God.

- (Hebrews 10:17-18 ESV) Then he adds, “I will remember their **sins** and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for **sin**.
- (Hebrews 10:26 ESV) For if we go on **sinning** deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for **sins**.
- (Hebrews 12:1 ESV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and **sin** which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

ONLY THE BLOOD OF JESUS ...

ONLY ONE WAY TO REMOVE STAINS AND ELIMINATE DIRT FROM OUR HEARTS AND MINDS. WE MUST TAKE ALL OF OUR DIRTY LAUNDRY TO THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FORGIVE US AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.



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