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Therefore, brothers [and sisters], since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us...

Let us...

- 1) Draw near – Intimacy with God
- 2) Hold fast – Endurance
- 3) Stir up – Mutual growth

Hebrews 10:22

let us [continue to] draw near with a true [sincere] heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb. 4:16 Let us then with confidence [continue to] draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb. 7:19 ... a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Heb. 7:25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him...

Heb. 10:1 ... make perfect those who draw near.

Heb. 10:22 ... let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

Heb. 11:6 ... whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

That precious state of longing in which the soul, convinced of its own lack of resources and frustrated with its cramped condition, opens up, addresses God as if he were close by, and dwells longingly in his presence. In this state of vulnerability and openness, souls establish a connection with God, and as long as they remain connected in this intense way, they undergo the transformative experience of being made into something like him.

Jason Baxter, *A Beginner's Guide to Dante's Divine Comedy*, p. 78

Hebrews 10:23

Let us [continue to] **hold fast** the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

The Confession of our hope is that Jesus is greater than everything else. Jesus is:

1. The appointed heir of all things
2. The creator of all things
3. The radiance of the glory of God
4. The exact imprint of God's nature
5. The One who upholds the universe by the word of his power
6. The One who has provided purification for sins
7. The One who has sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high
8. The One who is the Son of God

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Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how to stir up* one another to love and good works,
²⁵not 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.

*Can also be translated as *spur on, promote, sharpen, or provoke*.
It is similar to “irritate,” but this is done in love toward something good.

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1. These warnings were to a mixed group of both actual believers in Jesus and people who identified as and/or professed to be believers in Jesus but were not. So, the warnings are primarily directed to non-believers who considered themselves to be Christians when they weren't. Jesus also warned of this in Matthew 7:21-13.

[George Guthrie, C. Adrian Thomas, Buist Fanning, William Lane, Paul Ellingworth, Leon Morris, F. F. Bruce, Simon Kistemaker, Albert Mohler, John Gill, Gleason Archer, Roger Nicole, John Owen, John Calvin, A. W. Pink, H. A. Ironside, Andrew Murray, Ray Stedman, Stanley Toussaint, John MacArthur, Matthew Henry, Andrew Trotter]

2. The warnings were to believers in Jesus who were in danger of losing the joy and reward of faithful service to Jesus but were not in danger of losing their salvation.

[Tom Constable, James Draper, Walter Henrichsen, Randall Gleason]

3. The warnings were to believers in Jesus who were caused to remain faithful by the warnings given to them in this letter.

[Thomas Schreiner, Warren W. Wiersbe, Homer Kent, Thomas Hewitt, Albert Barnes, W. H. Griffith Thomas, John Lange, Charles Erdman, Clarence Roddy, Theodore Robinson]

4. The warnings were to believers in Jesus who were in the process of serious backsliding in their spiritual lives, and if they continued in that direction to the point of denying and rejecting Jesus, they would lose their salvation but could, in the future, return to God if they repented.

[Ben Witherington, B. F. Westcott, Charles Carter, D. D. Whedon]

5. The warnings were to believers in Jesus who were in the process of serious backsliding in their spiritual lives and if they continued in that direction to the point of denying and rejecting Jesus, they would lose their salvation with no ability to return to God.

[Grant Osborne, Scot McKnight, R. C. H. Lenski, James Moffatt, Robert Picirilli, B. F. Westcott, Stephen Ashby, Franz Delitzsch, W. F. Moulton, Marcus Dods, John Wesley]

6. None of the Above

[David DeSilva, Craig Koester, James Thompson, N. T. Wright, V. D. Verbrugge]

Hebrews 10:26-27

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Hebrews 10:28-29

Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹How 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 [one is] sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

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Hebrews 10:30-31

For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.”

³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.