

Hebrews 10:19-25 - Community and Relationship sermon outline - 7/20/25

A. Being DEVOTED - Craving the wisdom of God

1. Craving His wisdom - Its it not about law - it is wisdom opportunity
2. Seeking His wisdom - The knowledge of our Savior and the pursuit of His ways!

B. Ch 10 Summary: Christ's sacrifice is sufficient

1. The Old Sacrifices/Offerings - place holders for Messiah and His defeat of sin.
2. The Perfect Sacrifice - Jesus Christ came to bring resolution and new relationship
3. The Ideal Witness - the Holy Spirit bears witness to provision!

C. A New Relationship - A New Community

1. Confidence to Enter - The Holy of Holies, symbolic of the presence of God separated because of our sin, once only the place the high priest could enter to spread the sacrificial blood and pray for the sins of the nation, now is accessed by the blood of the Lamb of God (V 19).

2. A New Relationship - The Holy of Holies was once separated by the Temple curtain from the rest of the tabernacle. This barrier, torn top to bottom by God Himself, symbolizes the torn body of Jesus. His flesh torn and pierced to heal and open the way to God's presence creates a new relationship and a new community. (V 20)

3. A New Advocate and Priest - The Lord Jesus is all we need, not only his ministry and sacrifice on earth but his continued advocacy throughout our lives (V 21)

D. Drawing Near

1. Drawing Near to God - With hearts filled with sincerity, with full assurance of our standing, with clean consciences and washed existences. God has made us new creatures, enjoying the righteous position we have given as the ultimate gift. A standing we take pleasure and joy in, devoid of pride. (V 22)

2. Holding Fast to Faith - Holding tightly to the faith that now identifies us as children of the Most High, and members - brothers and sisters - of the Body of Christ! (V 23)

3. Encourage Each Other - To inspire one another within the body to love openly and pursue "good works" joyously! Our encouragement should be loving, positive and without end! (V 24)

4. Assembling Together - Our need for community is built into our nature as image bearers - we need to be with others who believe in Jesus as we do. When we do not gather - we do not encourage, we do not love, we do not practice wisdom and we don't draw nearer to anyone! We are admonished not only to make sure we participate regularly in community, but to gather all the more as we see the coming and imminent return of the Lord. This communion is the archetype of gathering together in our homes - do you gather together as Christians? Do you break bread with brothers, sisters and family in your homes? (V 25)

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