

**Let Us Draw Near To God**  
Hope Chapel Honolulu  
Hebrews 10:1-39

<sup>21</sup> And since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> 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. (Hebrews 10:21-25, ESV)

**Introduction**

Because the first 18 verses of Hebrews 10 provide a review of what we have been learning through repetition of themes and the witness of the Psalms and Prophets, we will move quickly through these before slowing to focus on what the Word and Spirit of God has built on this foundation. By now there should be less intellectual questioning about what the Word and Spirit of God say about Christ's accomplishments. Yet this challenge remains: for you and to accept this truth and live it out.

**1. Sanctified through the body of Christ once for all time. (Hebrews 10:1-18)**

- a) God never desired nor was God pleased with sacrifices and offerings. (Psalm 40:6-8)
- b) "Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin." (v.18)

**2. Let us draw near to God and encourage one another. (Hebrews 10:19-31)**

- a) "...Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...." (vv.19-22).
- b) "...Let us consider how to spur one another towards love and good works...." (vv.23-25)

**3. Called to faithful witness and the preservation of our souls. (Hebrews 10:32-39)**

- a) Faithful witness in the face of difficulty, reproach, affliction and persecution.
- b) "...My righteous one shall live by faith...." (vv.36-39).

**Conclusion**

Drawing nearer to God on a daily basis "with a true (*alethinós*—"sincere") heart in full assurance of faith, our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water" (v.22) describes the inner work of our hearts we seek to love God. "Holding fast the confession of our hope" is clearly a matter of our soul, meaning loving God with both our thoughts and our feelings (v.23). "Spurring one another" on toward love and good works and continuing in community despite the presence of conflict and personal experience with disappointment is clearly a matter of loving God with all of our strength and trusting God with the results.

**For our prayerful study, discovery and application:**

- 1) What is lacking from Christ's work of salvation and what is our role and responsibility?
- 2) What are the two complementary directives of Hebrews 10:19-25 and what do they mean to you?
- 3) What did the Word and Spirit of God remind you of or teach you anew this time?

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