

Letter to the Hebrews - Study 2

Bible Study Outline

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A Life in the Power of the Great Salvation

I. THE FOUR GREAT BLESSINGS OF THE NEW WORSHIP (HEB. 10:19-21)

- A. The Holiest of All opened up.
- B. BOLDNESS, freely expressed, through the Blood of Jesus.
 - 1. $\pi\alpha\rho\rho\eta\sigma\acute{\iota}\alpha$ (*parresia*), confidence, freedom in speaking.
 - a. Jesus has purchased for you the POLITICAL RIGHT of freedom of speech—be BOLD to proclaim it!
 - b. This is a confidence that MUST BE EXPRESSED.
 - 2. If you do not have this confidence in the Blood of Jesus:
 - a. You will never have direct access.
 - b. You will be handicapped in every area of your life.
- C. A new and living way through the veil—the pierced flesh of Jesus.
 - 1. Comp. Matthew 27:50-51.
- D. A Great High Priest, Jesus, to represent us.
 - 1. All encouragement CENTERS IN JESUS.
 - 2. The moment you take your eyes of Jesus you will be defeated.

II. THE FOUR CHIEF MARKS OF THE TRUE WORSHIPER (HEB. 10:22)

- A. A true and sincere heart.
 - 1. Don't relapse into being "religious"!
- B. Full assurance of faith.
 - 1. A heart that demonstrates complete trust and devotion.
- C. Hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience (by the Blood of Jesus).
 - 1. Comp. Ceremonial sprinkling of the blood of the sacrifices (Heb. 9:19; 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:2).
 - 2. Roman 8 describes the SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE.
 - a. Rom. 8:1 is the ante-chamber to Rom. 8.
 - b. Deals with CONDEMNATION.
 - c. This is the point of Satan's strongest attack against believers.

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- D. Bodies washed with pure water (by baptism).
1. Comp. Acts 22:16
 2. Separates you from Satan's realm and the kingdom of this world.

It is not only in spirit, *but with the body too*, we enter into the Holiest of All. It is on us here, where we are *in the body*, that the presence of God descends. Our whole life in the flesh is to be in that presence; the body is very specially the temple...of the Holy Spirit...With the body, too, we live and walk in the Holiest. Our eating and drinking, our sleeping, our clothing, our labor and relaxation, - all these things have more influence on our spiritual life than we know. They often interrupt and break the fellowship we seek to maintain. The heart and the body are inseparably joined - a heart sprinkled from an evil conscience needs a body washed with pure water.

Andrew Murray

III. THE FOUR GREAT DUTIES TO WHICH THE OPENED SANCTUARY CALLS (HEB. 10:22-25)

- A. Let us DRAW NEAR in the fullness of FAITH.
- B. Let us HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION of our HOPE..
- C. Let us CONSIDER HOW TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER to LOVE.
- D. (Let us) NOT FORSAKE THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER.
 1. τὴν ἐπισυναγωγὴν ἑαυτῶν (*ten episunagogen eauton*).
 - a. "The bringing together of ourselves."
 - b. Lit. "to attend our synagogue."
 - c. This would be more like a cell meeting than a traditional Sunday service.

IV. THREE OBLIGATIONS OF BELIEVERS TOWARD EACH OTHER (HEB. 10:24-25)

A. STIR UP to love and good works.

1. εις παροξυσμὸν (*eis paozusmon*)
 - a. Lit. “with a view to incitement.”
 - b. i.e., stimulate, provoke.
2. “The new economy demands mutual care on the part of the members of the Christian community. Comp. 1 Cor. 12:25. They must stir up each other’s religious affections and ministries.” (Dr. Marvin Vincent).
 - a. If there are awkward people, consider how to get the best out of them.

B. Maintain REGULAR ATTENDANCE at your local “synagogue” (i.e., assembly, fellowship).

C. EXHORT and ENCOURAGE one another.

1. παρακαλέω (*parakaleo*), to call to one’s side.
 - a. To aid, help, comfort, encourage.
2. William Barclay:
 - a. “One of the highest of human duties is that of encouragement... It is easy to laugh at men’s ideals, to pour cold water on their enthusiasm, to discourage them. The world is full of discouragers; we have a Christian duty to encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet. Blessed is the man who speaks such a word.”

D. Conclusions

1. These obligations become more urgent the nearer we come to the end of the age.
2. Each of them is a DENIAL OF SELF-CENTEREDNESS.