Hebrews

The Supremacy of Jesus

Jesus: Greater than Jewish Religion

Part 2

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Practical — Privilege — Responsibility <u>Hebrews 10:19</u>

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

- (Therefore) based on all that has been presented prior to this verse,
- (brethren) these are Jewish converts who have placed their faith in Christ.
- They have been encouraged to demonstrate boldness, the willingness to take the risk and act with confidence and courage to enter the presence of God.
- To enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus was a tremendous act of faith for anyone who was brought up under the Law of Moses.

Hebrews 10:20

20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

- The "new and living way" is in contrast with the old way of animal sacrifice where the blood of the dead animal made atonement for the moment.
- The "way" refers to entrance into the very presence of God the Father which (Jesus) consecrated (made available) for those who believe.
- Through the veil refers to the veil that, under the Old Covenant, separated the sanctuary from the Holy of Holies, sometimes called the Most Holy Place. Jesus flesh was a kind of symbol for the veil that prohibited man from the very presence of God. The sacrifice He made on the cross lifted the prohibition and justified man making it possible to enter into the very presence of God the Father.

(Mark 15:37-38)

Hebrews 10:21-22

21 "... and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

We have a High Priest so that we may draw near (under the following conditions)

- (1) "a true heart in full assurance of faith.
- (2) "hearts sprinkled with blood the applied sacrifice of Christ;
- (3) "bodies washed with pure water the cleansing work of the HolySpirit.

Because God has come near to us, by faith in Him we can draw near to God

Abrahamic covenant – God came near, but man was not invited to come near God. (Genesis 15:1-21)

Mosaic covenant – God came down on the mountain and His presence was too terrible for man. (Exodus 19:16-21)

The New Covenant – God came down to man so that through His Son man is invited to come near (*Matthew 2:11-12*)

Draw Near Because

Make a list of what drawing near to God means to you. For example, we draw near because:

- His desire is to be near you. (James 4:7-10)
- You are God's creation, created for relationship with God. (1 Corinthians 1:9;
 Romans 5:10)
- God is our Father in Heaven whom we worship and adore. (Matthew 6:8-14)
- God gives direction for our lives. (James 1:5-8)

Hebrews 10:23-24

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, as so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hold fast the confession of our hope, what is the hope?

That Jesus is all that the writer says He is. That our sins are forever forgiven; that the blood of Jesus is sufficient to satisfy God's righteous judgment; that Jesus is our Great High Priest and Mediator, and that we find God's promised rest in Him. Our trust is in the faithfulness of the God who makes the promise of salvation through His Son.

Our Responsibilities To Draw Near

"Let us" occurs three times,

- Let us draw near in faith (God).
- Let us draw near in hope (personal).
- Let us draw near in love (others).