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# Words of Truth

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## Hebrews 10:19-22

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We have spent several of our last studies considering Jesus' role as our High Priest. We have studied about the supremacy of Him offering Himself as the sacrifice over those lesser sacrifices of old. In our previous article we looked at Jesus offering Himself for the New Covenant and for the remission of sins (Hebrews 10:11-18). The text we are considering in this study looks back at those points and forward to what that means for saints to be able to come before God. Here is what we are going to study in this article: *“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; 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”* (Hebrews 10:19-22).

Under the Law of Moses, there was a holy place and then a most holy place in the tabernacle (Exodus 26:31-33). The same thing was true in the temple that Solomon had built (II Chronicles 5:1-10). Under the Law of Moses, the most holy place was off limits to most people. The high priest would go in once a year to offer a sin sacrifice (Leviticus 16:1-34 and Numbers 18:1-14). To enter in, the priests had to have on special garments (Exodus 28:1-43 and Exodus 29:29-30). When we studied chapter nine of this letter, after the aforementioned points were essentially made (Hebrews 9:1-7), we then read this: *“The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us”* (Hebrews 9:8-12). Jesus is the new and living way by which we come to the Father (John 10:1-18 and John 14:6).

Now, in our current study, we are reading that we can come boldly into the holiest place. This is because of the blood of Christ (Revelation 1:5). We have been washed and sanctified (I Corinthians 6:9-11 and I Peter 3:20-21). We have our “special garment” (Galatians 3:27). As

new creatures in Christ (II Corinthians 5:17), we as have been created in righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24). Notice this: *“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy”* (I Peter 2:5-10).

With Jesus being our High Priest (Hebrews 3:1 and Hebrews 6:19-7:28), we can draw near to God the Father. Do you remember reading this: *“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need”* (Hebrews 4:14-16)?

Though the door to the Father has been opened by Christ, we have our part in coming before our Father too. This letter states we have to come with a true heart. This was the case under the Old Law (I Chronicles 28:9 and I Chronicles 29:10-17). What does that mean for us though? Think about the word “true” for a moment. The point is, we have to approach God honestly, genuinely. That is the case from the beginning of the conversion process (Luke 8:15). Consider how that Peter was concerned about Simon because his heart was not right in the sight of God (Acts 8:13-24).

We have to come before God in full assurance of faith (I John 3:19-22). We can have that confidence by faith because of what Jesus did in bringing us to the Father (Romans 5:1-2 and Ephesians 3:1-12).

We cannot come before God with defiled consciences (Romans 14:14-23). Every Christian should understand this point rather easily. We are supposed to practice this every first day of the week when we partake of the Lord’s Supper (I Corinthians 11:23-32). If any one of us came to our Father, while our consciences were defiled, that would be presenting ourselves before God without being pure (Titus 1:15). We should know that God expects every one of His children to be pure (II Corinthians 6:14-7:1, Hebrews 12:14, and I John 3:1-3). Therefore, remember that Jesus opened the door for us to come to the Father. At the same time, don’t neglect your continual part in keeping that door open (Isaiah 59:1-3 and John 9:31).