



# HEBREWS

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# Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <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.



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<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.



## The structure of this passage

### Two gospel privileges: *"Since we have..."*

- 1) Confidence to enter... (vv. 19-20)
- 2) A great high priest... (v. 21)

### Three exhortations: *"Let us..."*

- 1) Draw near (v. 22)
- 2) Hold fast (v. 23)
- 3) Consider one another (vv. 24-25)



# Outline

1. What it means to draw near
2. Why we can draw near
3. How we can draw near



# **1. What it means to draw near**

**Hebrews 10:22: “let us draw near”**



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- The problem: sin creates a barrier between God and the human soul (Examples: Genesis 28; Exodus 20; Isaiah 6)





## **2. Why we can draw near**

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## 2. Why we can draw near

### (a) First privilege: we have confidence...

*“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,<sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh...”*

*(vv. 19-20)*



## 2. Why we can draw near

(b) Second privilege: we have a great high priest...

*“and since we have a great priest over the house of God,<sup>22</sup> let us draw near (vv. 21-22a)*





**For believers, the veil is not merely rolled up but torn from top to bottom by the divine hand, ensuring it can never be hung up again.**

**Between those in Christ and God, there will never be another separation. The one separator is destroyed forever. The devil himself can never divide us from God now.**

**The tear is not slight but complete, making an entrance for the greatest sinners.**





**What abounding mercy that the veil is torn from top to bottom, so even the chief of sinners may pass through! This act was not by man but by God alone—done rightly, finally, and irreversibly. God has laid sin on Christ, put it away, and opened the gate of heaven. Behold, he sets before you an open door!**

**—Charles Spurgeon**

**(slightly edited for clarity)**



# **3. How we can draw near**

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#### (a) Sincere faith

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### 3. How we can draw near

#### (b) Cleansed heart

*Let us draw near . . . with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience (v. 22b)*



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*cf. Ezekiel 36:25-26: “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.”*



# Summary

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