

Session 9

A Better Way of Faith: Hebrews 10:19-11:40

Suppose you wanted to meet the Queen. Someone would have to make the arrangements and take care of the introductions. It's possible, but obviously only a few citizens ever get the opportunity.

In the same way, but with far more significance, if we want to approach God in faith, we must be sure that the right arrangements have been put in place for that approach to be made. The "introductions" are made by a priest. Knowing and believing that Jesus Christ is the priest who ushers us into God's presence makes all the difference in the world (and beyond it).

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| A. Through Christ, in faith, draw near to God with confidence | 10:19-23 |
| 1. Christ has cleansed the living way | 10:19 |
| 2. Christ has led the living way | 10:21-21 |
| 3. Therefore we can confidently approach | 10:22-23 |
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B. Strengthen one another as a <i>community</i> of faith | 10:24-25 |
| 1. Encourage towards the good | 10:24 |
| 2. Encourage towards the fellowship | 10:25 |

Question: Why is the idea of gathering so crucial to the Christian faith?

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| C. Rejection of the New Way invites judgment from God | 10:26-31 |
| 1. The perils of disregard | 10:26-27 |
| 2. The example from the Law | 10:28 |
| 3. Respect where respect is due | 10:29-31 |
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D. Heroic Adherence to the New Way invites persecution from men | 10:32-39 |
| 1. Recall your first enthusiasm | 10:32-34 |
| 2. Hold on for the ultimate rewards | 10:35-39 |
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E. Heroic Faith involves confidence in God despite the circumstances | 11:1-40 |
| 1. "By faith" at work before the Jews | 11:1-16 |
| 2. "By faith" at work amongst the Jews | 11:17-31 |
| 3. "By faith" at work amongst the valiant | 11:32-34 |
| 4. "By faith" at work amongst the persecuted | 11:35-38 |
| 5. "By faith" worked for all of them, and so will work for us | 11:39-40 |