

A Better Way
A Better Presence
Hebrews 10.19-27

Hebrews is the book of the **Better Way**, in Hebrews we have seen,

- **Our Superlative Savior**
 - Jesus Christ is not another way to heaven
 - Jesus Christ is not a better way to heaven
 - Jesus Christ is the **ONLY WAY** to heaven

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

- **Our Better Purging** – We are fully Pardoned from our sins when Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 1:3 - . . . by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

- **Our Better “So Great A Salvation”** (2.3)
- **Our Better Word From God** – This King James Bible
- **Our Better Prayer** - Standing in the presence of God.
- **A Better Anchor of the Soul (Heb 6)**
- **A Better Blood (Heb 9)**
- **A Better One (Heb 10)**

Today we discover that there is a **Better Presence of Place.**

Read Text – Heb 10.19-27

Where do you Live? I have heard it said that you can live in a lot of places but home is where your heart is. So where is your home?

For many they would say that home is where there family is. Perhaps your spouse, your children, your grand children. When pondering the thought of home, home will not be a place but it will be a presence.

There is a phase in peoples lives where things, perhaps politics, perhaps stature seems important. But there comes a time in many peoples lives where they realize that their important relationships are far more important than almost all of this worlds distractions.

Life is about people, or the presence in your life.

This is exactly what this text in Hebrews is addressing.

Almighty God, your Lord and Savior wants to be a real, living presence in your life.

A. In God's Presence – The Way Into The Holiest

*Hebrews 10:19 - Having therefore, brethren, boldness to **enter into the holiest** by the blood of Jesus,*

When our text speaks of “**entering into the holiest**” it is speaking of coming into the presence of God. The Holiest is the place where God was.

There may be times in one's Christian Journey where they feel like they are at a distance from God. When a born again christian just does not feel like they are in God's presence.

There are a number of things that can lead us to this conclusion.

- Falling to the temptation to sin and actually sinning. We know our iniquities separate between us and God.
- Hardship in life, trials and temptations, perhaps in ones family or home, at work or a multitude of other daily hardships. Trials and tribulaiton often make us **feel** distanced from God.
- Perhaps at times our circumstances will cause us to feel at a distance from God.

Our text reveals something very different from our typical situational ethics concerning our relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Your Way Into The Presence Of God Is Not Based On Your Circumstances Or Your Feelings!

We Come Boldly Into The Holiest Through,

1. **The Blood of Jesus (vs 19) - Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest **by the blood of Jesus,****

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1 John 1.7

To enter into the holiest is a scriptural expression that speaks of standing in the midst of the Holy of Holies and standing in the very presence of God.

This is the kind of intimate relationship God wishes to have with each and every person.

We are given Bold Access to the intimate presence of God **by the Blood of Jesus Christ.**

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed on Calvary's Cross to take away our sin, all our sin.

*1 John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

Our text reveals another powerful affect of the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Blood of our Lord gives us **access to the presence of God.**

There is nothing you can do to get into the presence of God, it is what our Lord Jesus Christ did that gives you access to the presence of God. Our text reveals that we **Have** this Glorious Access already.

Notice verse 19 starts with these words, **"Having therefore . . ."**

As a born again Christian you are already in the presence of God.

Thank you Lord Jesus for your Precious and Powerful Blood!

2. **A Living Way (vs 20)** - *By a new and living way, . . .*

Matt 27.50

The way into the presence of God is not the same way as the Old Testament Way, it is a new way. This new way started upon the finished work of our Lord on Calvary's Cross.

When our Lord gave up the ghost and died on Calvary's Cross the word of God records,

Matthew 27:50–51 - *Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.* ⁵¹***And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;***

It was as if almighty God reached down from heaven and took hold of that 6 to 8 inch thick veil and threw it open rending it in the middle, showing that the way of the holiest was now open through the body and blood of God's only begotten son.

Also, the way into the presence of God is called a **"living way"** in that the Lord Jesus Christ is not dead in a grave but He physically resurrected from the grave and has ascended on high to the right hand of God and is alive making intercession for the saints in that place of supreme authority.

Romans 8:34 - *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

This is a "Living Way" because our Lord is alive and brings life to this way of access into the presence of God. It is a "Living Way" because through this access we know the quickening presence of God in us and with us.

Our Lord is in us who is God in us. The Holy Spirit is in us who is God in us.

This is meant to be a very lively and intimate presence within us.

Christian do you know the living presence of God in your life?

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2. A Living Way

This is a presence you do not need to discover nor seek, it is already with you and in you and you are already in the very presence of almighty God.

3. **A Consecrated Way (vs 20-21)** - *By a new and living way, **which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh***; ²¹*And having an high priest over the house of God*; - **To Consecrate** something is to make is sacred and separated for a peculiar use or purpose. Hence, through the flesh, or the suffering sacrifice of our Lord He has set apart and consecrated a way to into the presence of God within the veil. Our Lord Consecrated One and Only Way Through The Veil Into The Presence Of Almighty God.

Our Lord said,

John 14:6 - *Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.***

Our Lord is that Strait Gate and narrow way,

Matthew 7:13-14 - *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴**Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.***

This Consecrated Way is open to all who will come through it by coming through the finished Word of the Lord Jesus Christ in Calvary's Cross. There is no other way, there is no other access for this is a Consecrate Way.

A Born Again Christian already has this highly esteemed and desired access. The problem is that too many Christians do not realize that they already have this access, or they are afraid of the access they have and refuse to come through the veil.

B. Let Us Draw Near (vs 22-25)

Consider that Verses 19-21 declare **what our Lord Jesus Christ has already provided** for each and every Christian. Starting at verse 22 Christians are now called to respond appropriately.

What are the first two words in verse 22? **"Let Us . . ."**

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What are the first two words in verse 23? **“Let Us . . .”**

What are the first three words in verse 24? **“And Let Us . . .”**

2 Cor 6.19

There are some things Christians are called to do. But let me emphasize here that we are not called to try and figure out how to get into the presence of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ has already provided that open access for you as a Born-Again Christian.

I think some Christians when they read this text stop and pray, “Lord help me to figure out how to get into your presence.” The fact is you don’t need to figure that out, it has already been provided for you by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, I can hear some Christian ask, “Then why don’t I **feel** like I’m in the presence of God?”

The answer is very simple. Since when is God’s presence contingent on how you feel? Our Lord Jesus Christ says in our text that He has already consecrated your way into the presence of God. He opened that way and you are already in the Holy Place. **You confuse presence with proximity.**

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Hear this and consider it well. You are already in the holy place.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 - What? *know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God,* and ye are not your own?

²⁰*For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.*

God is in you and you are in the presence of God!

You are in the Holy Place, you are in the place where God is, but have you . . . Well Look at our text,

1. **Draw Near (vs 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.*

You are already within the veil, in the holy place where God is. But have you Drawn Near to God?

Illustration - Have you ever watched a child enter some room or event to which they have never been before. Often they enter and just kind of stay around the outskirts of the event or room. They are there but they are there at a cautious distance. The truth is its not just kids that do this kind of reclusive thing. Even adults react in similar ways.

Look our Lord has already opened the way for you and as a Born-Again Christian you are already in the place that will give you incredible access to God. The question is, will you draw near to God?

So what do you need to know to draw near to God?

Hebrews 10:22 - *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.*

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- **A True Heart** – Don't try to keep secrets from God. He sees the heart. He already knows what in your heart. The amazing thing is, God knows my heart through and through and He still sent Jesus to save me and I still have access into His glorious presence.
- **In Full Assurance of Faith** – The promises and truths that God has revealed in His Perfect Word are still in full force and you are still in this glorious presence. No need to doubt anything in the presence of God again.
- **In full forgiveness and cleansing (vs 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.***

All those sins in your past that have convinced you that you do not deserve to be close to God, those were all washed away by the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

You have been fully forgiven and pardoned, and though the devil, this world, and your own flesh keep reminding you that you are not worthy of the presence of God; **yet through Jesus Christ here you are anyway.**

So what are the facts of our text today?

Our Lord Jesus Christ has given you a Better Presence a far Better Place to be. You stand in the Holy place of God. **Better yet you are the Holy place and dwelling place of God.**

There is nothing you need to do to get into the presence of God, our Lord Jesus Christ has already finished that work and has CONSECRATED the way for you.

All you need to do now is just come on over and draw near to God. With your spiritual eyes just look over there where that brilliant spiritual light is and just go on over there. You have nothing to fear, nothing at all.

For those who wonder how people get into the presence of God in the first place, it is through salvation. The only way into this glorious presence of God is through the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

How does one get saved and get through this veil and into the presence of God?

Romans 10:9 - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

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