

A Better Way
A Better Purpose
Hebrews 10.23-25

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 Presence (Heb 10.19-22)**

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

Read Text – Heb 10.19-23

What does God want you to Purpose to do in your Christian Journey?

Last week we saw that we have a Better Presence through our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not need to strive for nor seek this presence; we already have it. Look at verse 19,

Hebrews 10:19–21 - **Having therefore**, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹And having an high priest over the house of God;

We are already in this presence.

Today we will look at our response to this glorious presence or place where we now stand. Notice the three **“Let Us . . .”** Purposes we are given.

Purpose to,

- A. Draw Near To God’s Presence (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. - Through our Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on Calvary’s Cross we have direct access to the presence of God. This is our reality.

We discovered last week that we are to,

- **Come boldly into the Presence of our Heavenly Father.** We have nothing to fear. Our Heavenly Father wants us to be near to Him.
- **Draw near with a true heart.** You need not try to put on any appearances with your heavenly Father. He sees your heart. God knows your deepest secrets. There is nothing about you or in you that your Heavenly Father does not know.
- **Come into God’s presence with full assurance of faith.** God will keep His promises and His Word. He will not change His positions, He does not bend with the cultural tendencies of mankind. God is the same yesterday, today and forever.
- **Draw Near to God knowing that you have been fully pardoned from all your sin.** The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ has washed away all your sin and transformed your mind (Rom 12.1-2).

James 4.7

Always remember that your Heavenly Father desires to be near to you. There is nothing more you can do to gain access to the presence of God. This glorious access was provided by our Lord Jesus Christ and you already have it.

Now, just desire and seek to draw near unto your Heavenly Father.

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A. Draw Near To God's Presence

So how do we Draw near unto God? Perhaps James gives us a good answer,

James 4:7–10 - Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸**Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.** ⁹Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

¹⁰**Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**

Three things to strive for in Drawing near unto God,

- **Submit to your Heavenly Father** – Be willing to surrender to God's will and way. How do we know what to submit to? Get into God's Word, this King James Bible, discover the will and way of God, and surrender to it.

What if God's Word reveals things that are in contrast to our society?

Romans 3:3–4 - For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? ⁴God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Believe God and His revealing Word first and foremost. Know that God is always right. We will be judged according to God's Word at the judgment, not according to the laws of mankind.

- **Seek to Cleanse your hands (the things you do) and Purify your hearts.** Even though we know our sins have been washed away by the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we must be careful to seek to cleanse our hands which is our will and way before God and to purify our hearts.

The easiest way to purify your hearts and keep clean hands in your Christian Journey is,

- Not to develop a sense of duty in your faith. You do not need to develop an “have to” relationship with God. I “Have To” obey God law or else.
 - Develop and deep love for God and deeply desire to be near your Heavenly Father. This is to develop a “Want To” relationship with God. I want to live a life that pleases my Heavenly Father because I want to honor God and be near Him.
- **Humble yourself in the sight of God.** It is our pride that tends to rebel against God. It is humility in the sight of God that will cause God to lift you up and exalt you.

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- Submit to God
- Cleanse your hands

The First **“Let Us”** in Hebrews chapter ten is,

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.

This is one of our Purposes from our text today.

B. Hold Fast To Our Profession (vs 23) – **Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) - Determine to know what you believe and cleave to your Faith.**

Eph 4.14

Throughout the New Testament we are called to know with assurance what we believe and cleave to it. Notice,

*Ephesians 4:14 - That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every **wind of doctrine**, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

Our text says something very similar,

Hebrews 10:23 - *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*

We must know what we believe **“Without Wavering.”** That is get into the Word of God, study is diligently, as a workman, and do not waver in your faith. The word **“Faith”** in this context is speaking of your Doctrine, what you have been taught and what you will teach others from the Word of God. It is what you believe.

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Notice here that you can stand strong and firm on the rock solid foundation of your faith because,

Hebrews 10:23 - . . . **he is faithful that promised;**

Psalm 119.160

In other words,

Psalm 119:89–90 - **For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.** ⁹⁰ **Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: . . .**

Psalm 119:152 - *Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that* **thou hast founded them for ever.**

Psalm 119:160 - **Thy word is true from the beginning:** **and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.**

1 Pet 1.25

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

Matthew 24:35 - *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

1 Peter 1:25 - *But* **the word of the Lord endureth for ever.** *And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*

God’s Word is True, always true. No matter what any professor, theologian, pastor, religious leader, philosopher, parent, or your own flesh and mind want you to believe. God is eternally and authoritatively true.

On top of this absolute truth God's promises and Word will never change, fade, or vanish away. **God's Word "Endureth Forever."** Hence our stand on this King James Bible.

Are you convinced? Or are you tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine.

You must be unwavering in your faith and your faith must be based on the Word of God over every religious system or teaching.

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C. Harbor the Right People (vs 24-25) – And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. - This is all about who you have as your friends and confidants. Who counsels you and shapes your heart and mind.

2 Cor 6.14

Who you fellowship with matters.

The Word of God reminds us,

1 Corinthians 15:33 - Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

There are kind sweet people you will know in your life and many of them will be worldly lost people. They will gain your friendship and trust in many ways, but never forget that worldly lost people will seek to influence you in worldly ways not Godly ways. They will corrupt your way of thinking about things and often will corrupt the way you think about the Word of God.

Who you fellowship with matters. You must guard your associations and influencers in your life.

The Word of God teaches us,

Psalm 1:1–4 - Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall

prosper. ⁴The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Again the New Testament teaches us,

2 Corinthians 6:14–18 - *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ¹⁵And what concord hath Christ with Belial? **or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?** ¹⁶And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; **as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.** ¹⁷Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, ¹⁸And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

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Our text today says,

Hebrews 10:24 - **And let us consider one another** to provoke unto love and to good works:

First we must **"Consider One Another"** Consider who those people are that you are trusting with your character, with your way of thinking about things. Be sure that those that influence your way of thinking Love God and Love the true Word of God.

Far too often people set up role models in their life and know nothing about the person they are trusting with the most important things in their life, their faith.

I find it incredible that so many professing Christians have so few actual Christian friends.

You need to have God Loving, Word of God Loving. people in your life!

Now, having settled who we must have as friends and for fellowship consider what we are to do in our fellowship,

Hebrews 10:24 - And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

We are to provoke each other,

- **Unto Love** – This is to love God deeply and to love our fellow man as we love ourselves.
- **To Good Works** – To do good and kind things for the people around us.

Both of these are pretty self explanatory. But notice the **“Provoke Unto.”**

We must challenge each other, goad each other on, push each other along. We must “Provoke” each other to live our our Christian Journey in noticeable and tangible ways.

When was the last time you **“Provoked”** a fellow christian to love someone or do some good work? For most of us probably not very often.

Why not?

We have a Better Purpose in our Lord Jesus Christ.

How about you? What is your purpose?

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