

Sovereign Grace Church

“So....Now What?” outline

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Hebrews 10: 19-25

As we have finished the main teaching portion of the book of Hebrews we are now faced with the writer's divine application of this teaching to His people and by extension to us. Given all that He has said about Jesus being the fulfillment of the Old Covenant priestly and sacrificial system....what should follow? If Jesus is the Reality to which the Old Covenant shadows pointed....what difference should that make to us? This will be the main substance of the rest of our study of Hebrews.

It is important to remember however that, as inspired as this application is, it will only do us good if we actually take it to heart in genuine knowledge and faith. Many folks grow up in the midst of profound truths about the world in which they live and the God who brought it all to pass and even lay claim to believing them. Yet their lives give precious little evidence that this acclaimed knowledge and belief is actual! I once heard someone ask whether a given Christian who was put on trial, being accused of being a Christian, would be convicted! It is something to reflect upon as we consider our response to the riches bestowed upon us by Christ.

1. The Basis for our Faithful Response vv. 19-21

- **We have Boldness to enter the Presence of God 19-20**
Joel 2: 28-32; Ac 2: 16; Matt 27: 51

- **We have a Real (i.e., effective) High Priest 21**
Eph 2: 5b-6

2. Our Faithful Response vv. 22-25

- **We should Draw Near to God! 22**
 - **“hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience” Rom. 8:1**

 - **“bodies washed with pure water” Ezk 36: 25-26**

- What is a “true Heart”?

- We should Hold Fast to our Confession! 23
Rom. 10: 9-10

- We should Consider One Another! 24-25
John 13: 35

Questions for Discussion and Reflection

1. If the invisible were made visible and the doors to the presence of the Father were opened.....would you go in!? Would you first need to “get ready”? A coat and tie perhaps? A nice dress? If you were invited to see the President would you not feel you had to “get ready”? Go over what you would wear? What you would say? Why does Jesus make a difference?!

2. Do you consider yourself to be “near to God?” How do you know? Do you have a “quiet time” each day? How can we make a “quiet time” into a “quite day” and a “quiet life?” Is it possible to be “near to God” experientially while being “in the world”? How?

3. Have you ever made a “profession of faith”? Did it mean anything? Would someone you know in your workplace be convinced? What can we do to make our professions of faith and confessions of the truth more public?

4. How can we effectively love one another in our Christian churches and communities? What does it mean to be judgmental? How is that different than making meaningful judgments (i.e., being discerning)? What is your first response when someone accuses you of being judgmental? What would a truly “open” community of believers look like? Will a Christian who is trying to please Christ use mean words in communicating with others? How can a Christian communicate truth in a loving way to someone living contrary to the truth?

5. Is our church a place where folks can come with honest questions, perhaps doubts & disagreements and feel they are loved & treated respectfully at the same time? Should it be?