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November 11 – Hebrews 10:18-39

Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²²let 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. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

²⁶For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. ²⁸Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." ³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³²But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: ³³partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; ³⁴for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. ³⁵Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: ³⁷"For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. ³⁸Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." ³⁹But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

OKAY, HERE'S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

This is a very powerful section of Paul's letter. I say that it is powerful because we see a completely new dimension and approach opened to us to enter the very holy presence of God. Before Jesus Christ died and shed his blood it was only available to the Jewish high priest once a year when he entered into the holy of holies with the blood of a bull to atone for the nation of Israel. It was beyond the thick veil in the temple where the Ark of the covenant rested, where the very presence of God, his shekinah glory, was to be experienced. That all that changed after

Jesus died on the cross and shed his holy blood creating a new covenant for us. Jesus blood was accepted by God to cleanse and washes away all our sins. That's why the Bible says that now we have boldness or great confidence to enter into the holy of holies and that it is a new and living way not only just for a single high priest once a year but now for every child of God to experience and that includes you and me!

The way that this works practically is both through our individual times of prayer when we draw near to God we can say; "father I come to you in the name of Jesus through his blood and I thank, praise and worship you. When you do this by faith in Jesus blood with a true and sincere heart you will be entering directly into the glorious presence of God. Why? Because the Bible teaches us that Jesus is our great High Priest, who has already passed into the Heavens. His blood has already been accepted as payment for our sins and therefore we are clothed with his righteousness. When we come to the father in Jesus name through faith in Jesus blood we are welcome to enter in and have holy communion with God and that is the right and privilege of every born again child of God!

This can also happen as a church. As we draw near to God worshipping him we can experience the glory and presence of God as the Scriptures teaches in a new and living way! This kind of experience is living because the Holy Spirit causes our spirits to experience the presence of our God who is alive. Jesus taught his disciples that the way we worship God would soon change. The Amplified version says it this way in John 4:23-24 where Jesus said; "But a time is coming and is already here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit [from the heart, the inner self] and in truth; for the Father seeks such people to be His worshipers. God is spirit [the Source of life, yet invisible to mankind], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." This kind of spiritual worship requires faith to experience. Hebrews 11:6 says; But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Paul then warns these Hebrew believers that after coming into this kind of reality it was important for them to go forwards and not go back to their old ways of Judaism, still looking for the coming of the Messiah. This is why he wrote such strong words in verse 29 "Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?" Many were tempted to forsake Christ due to the pressure of family and the Jewish community. You see back in those days, you were either a follower of Jesus believing that he was the promised Messiah or you were of those that rejected Jesus and in so doing also rejected his blood that saves and if you turned away from following Christ, in a very real sense "trampled the Son of God underfoot" saying I really don't believe in Jesus and insult the Spirit of grace, the Holy Spirit that had touched so many bringing them to salvation.

Paul reminds them that many had already suffered for Christ going to prison and losing their personal property. Here we also have one of the strongest proves that Paul wrote this letter because he says that they were companions of him in his chains. We know that the apostle Paul

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was in prison for his faith in Christ. So he encourages them after coming so far in their journey with Christ to go all the way and not return to a legalist form of Judaism which required no faith in Christ. This is why he exhorts them saying in verses 36-39 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul." In other words, you have to keep going and not give up, have patience because the Lord will reward your faith, he's coming soon so go all the way with Jesus don't turn back, give up your faith and be lost but press into God because He alone is our eternal Savior!

WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?

- 1) Jesus Christ has open for us the way into the holy of holy's to experience the presence of God. Through his blood we have a new covenant.
- 2) We have great confidence to enter the presence of God through faith in Jesus Christ.
- 3) This kind of worship is what Jesus was preparing his disciples to experience when he said the time is coming that the true worshipers will worship God in spirit and in truth.
- 4) Paul warns the Hebrew believers not to turn back away from following Christ.
- 5) Turning away from Christ is turning into nothing because he is the reality that makes God real and all other religions are void and empty.
- 6) We have to have patience through whatever suffering we go through because God will reward our faith if we don't give up,
- 7) The Lord is coming and we need to press into God more than ever today and go forward in faith and not backwards and unbelief!

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